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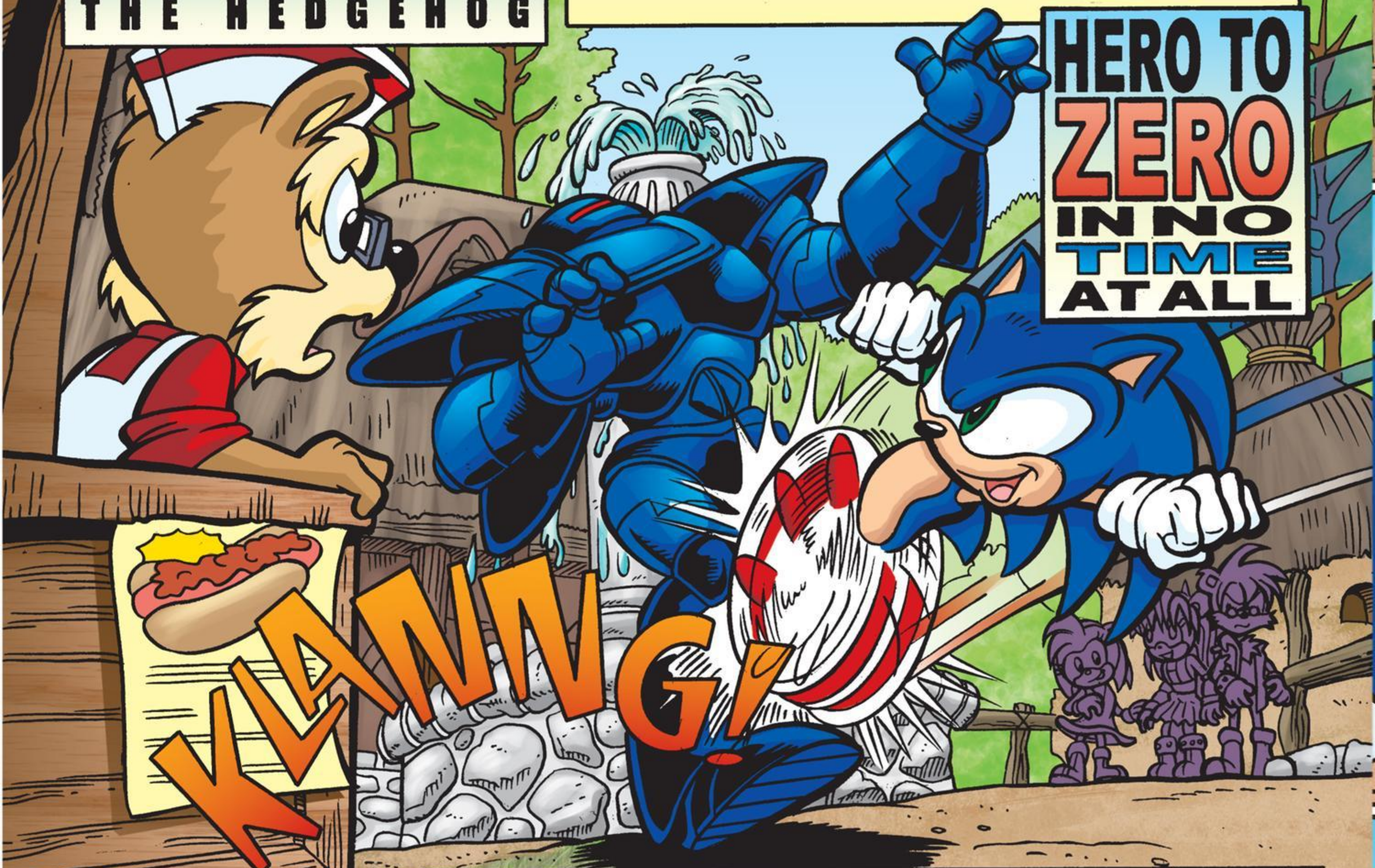
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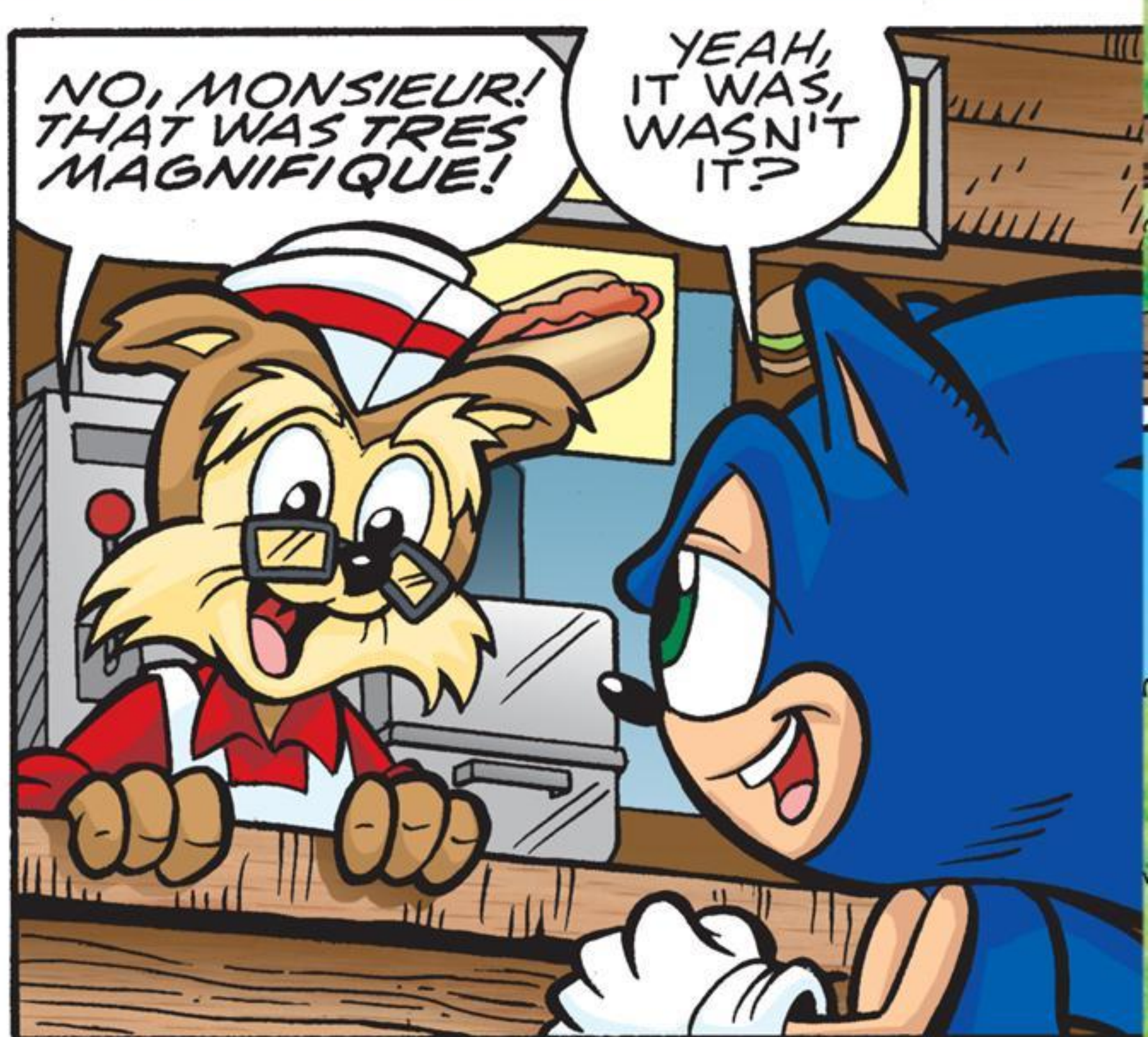
THE PLACE: THE TOWN SQUARE OF KNOTHOLE!
THE TIME: RIGHT NOW!
THE ACTION: WELL, THAT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS!
SO BUCKLE UP AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO
SONIC AND COMPANY IN A THRILLER WE CALL...

HERO TO ZERO IN NO TIME AT ALL

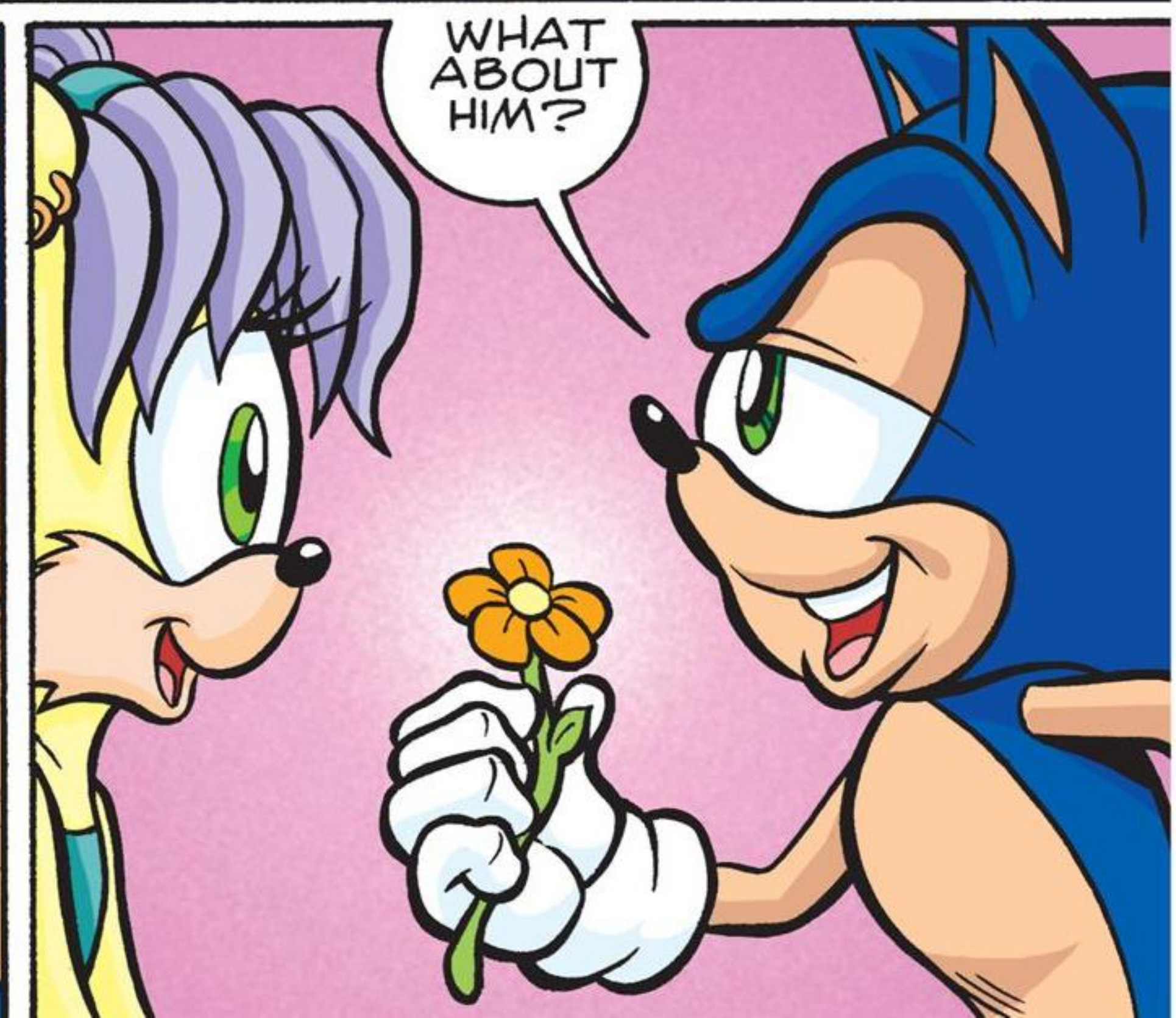
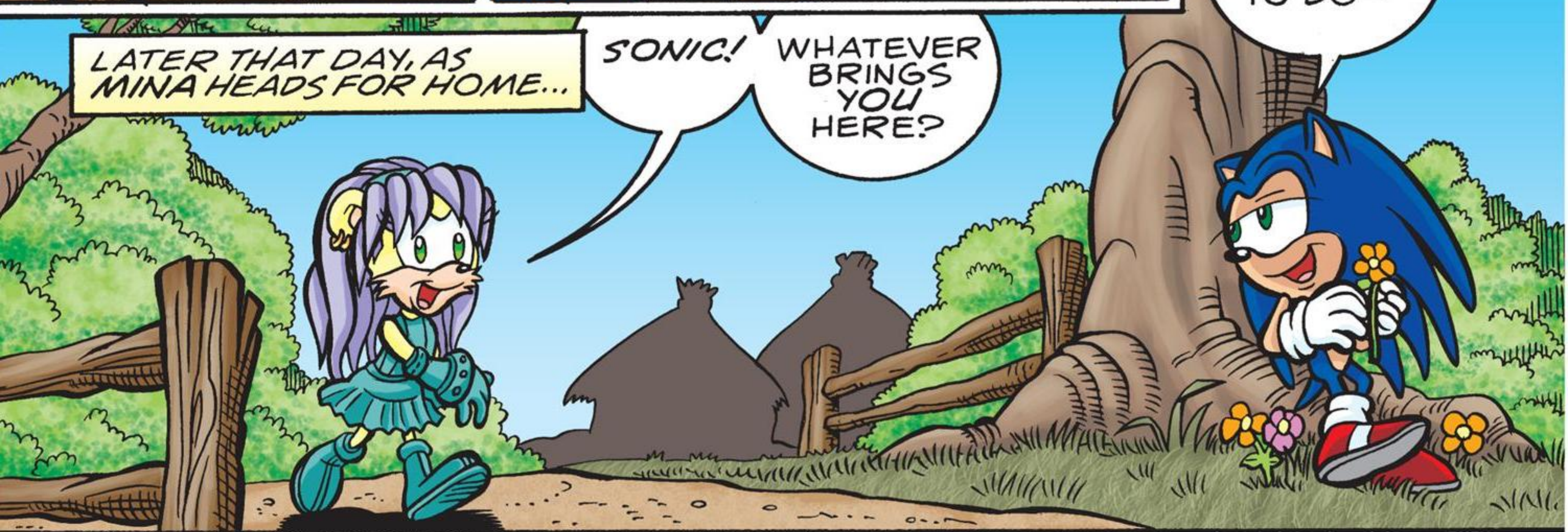


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MEANWHILE, A TIME ZONE OR TWO AWAY IN ONE OF THE TRENDIER ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED UPTOWN IN STATION SQUARE, WE FIND AN UNLIKELY CUSTOMER MEETING WITH A MORE UPSCALE PATRON...

SO, LAYKEN, YOU FINALLY BREAKING DOWN AND LETTING ME HAVE A GO AT THE ANGEL ISLAND STASH?

NOT JUST YET, NACK! THE MERCHANDISE YOU SPEAK OF IS STILL TOO HIGH-PROFILE!

AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON EXTRICATING THE GEMS OFF THE ISLAND?

THE LARGEST--NOT TO MENTION ONLY KNOWN--SUPPLY OF CHAOS EMERALDS--

--AND YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S WORTH GOING AFTER?

THEY HAPPEN TO BE HEAVILY-GUARDED!

ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REBUILDING THE ISLAND AFTER ROBOTNIK HAD HIS FUN.*

*EDITORIAL NOTE: SEE ISSUES 138 THROUGH 141 FOR THE FULL STORY.

WE'RE ONLY TALKING ONE ECHIDNA WHO KEEPS WATCH!

ONE ECHIDNA PLUS BACKUP!

BACKUP?! WHAT DO YOU KNOW THAT I DON'T?

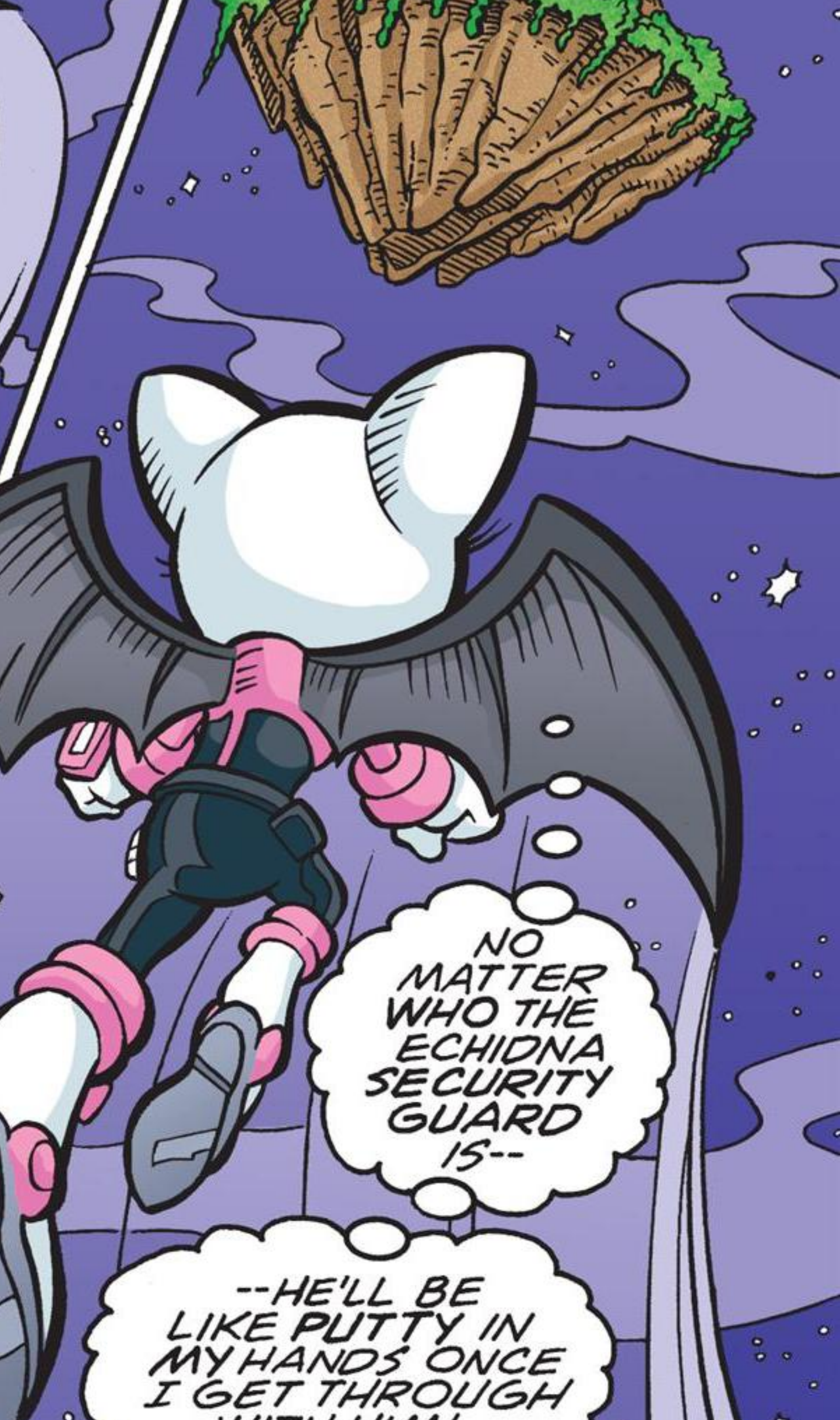
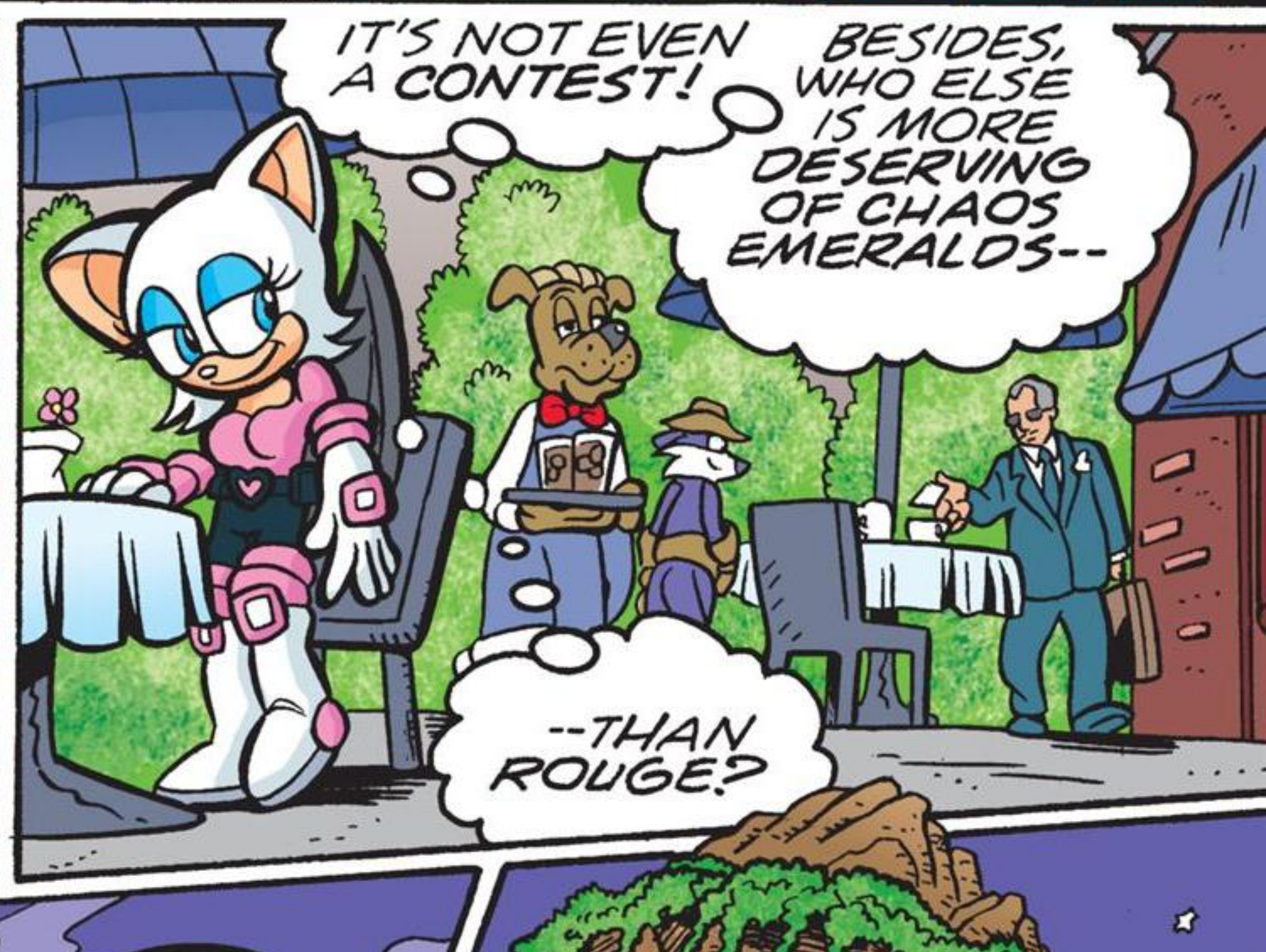
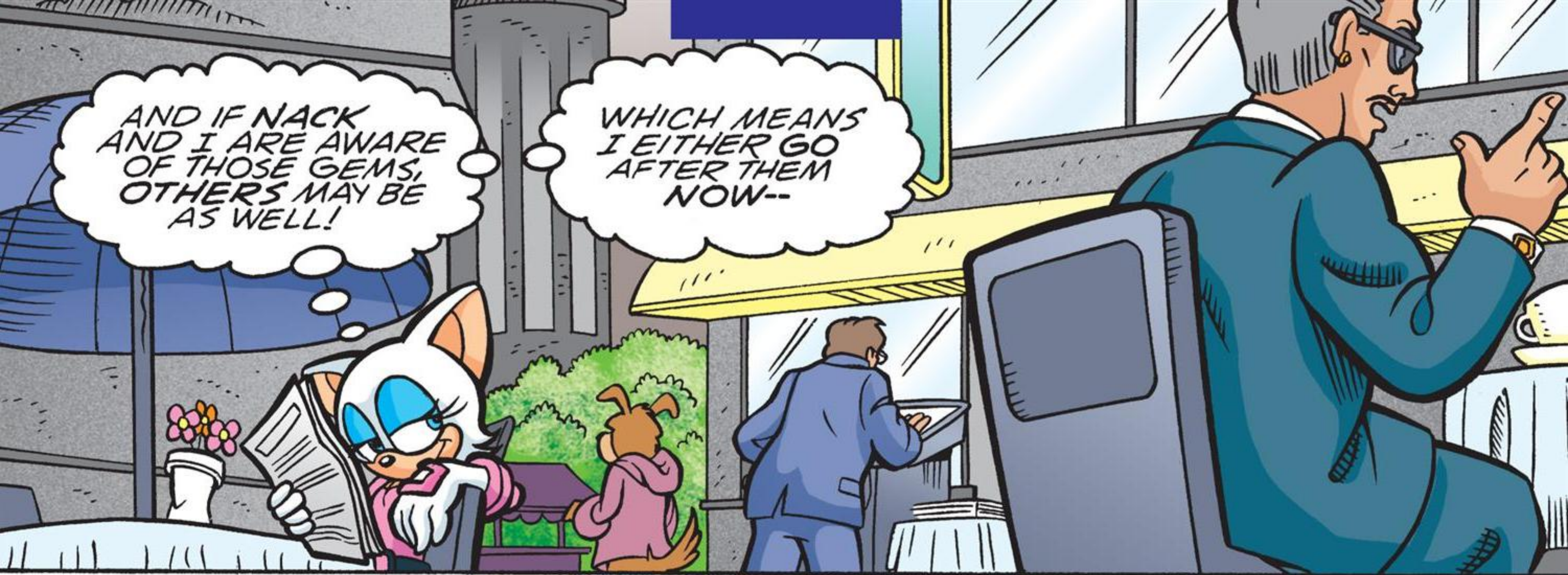
I DON'T KNOW--

--BUT I HEAR THINGS!

I'D RATHER GO AFTER A SURE THING DOWN IN CAT COUNTRY THAN AN UNKNOWN ON A FLOATING ISLAND!

YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART!

--BUT DEFINITELY NOT MINE!



BACK IN KNOTHOLE, WE FIND SONIC SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH MINA...

SOME-BODY PINCH ME!

I'M FINALLY WITH SONIC--

--BUT I CAN'T DO THIS TO ASH!

HOW CAN I HURT HIM SO?!

SOME-THING WRONG, BABE?

I JUST--

--THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED.

YEAH.

...SIGH...

SO CLOSE--

"--AND YET SO FAR!!"

MINA! MINA!

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

WELL... IS THAT RUDE OR WHAT?

--ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE HOT CHICKS IN THE LOCAL VICINITY.

SAY, BABE, WHA'CHA UP TO?

UHH-- SONIC--DID YOU--DID YOU JUST CALL ME "BABE"?

WELL, THE DAY MAY NOT BE A TOTAL LOSS--

YEAH, AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE FREE RIGHT NOW?!

SEVERAL HOURS LATER, AS THE SUN BEGINS TO SET...

IT'S BEEN HOURS SINCE SONIC WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE COME OVER!

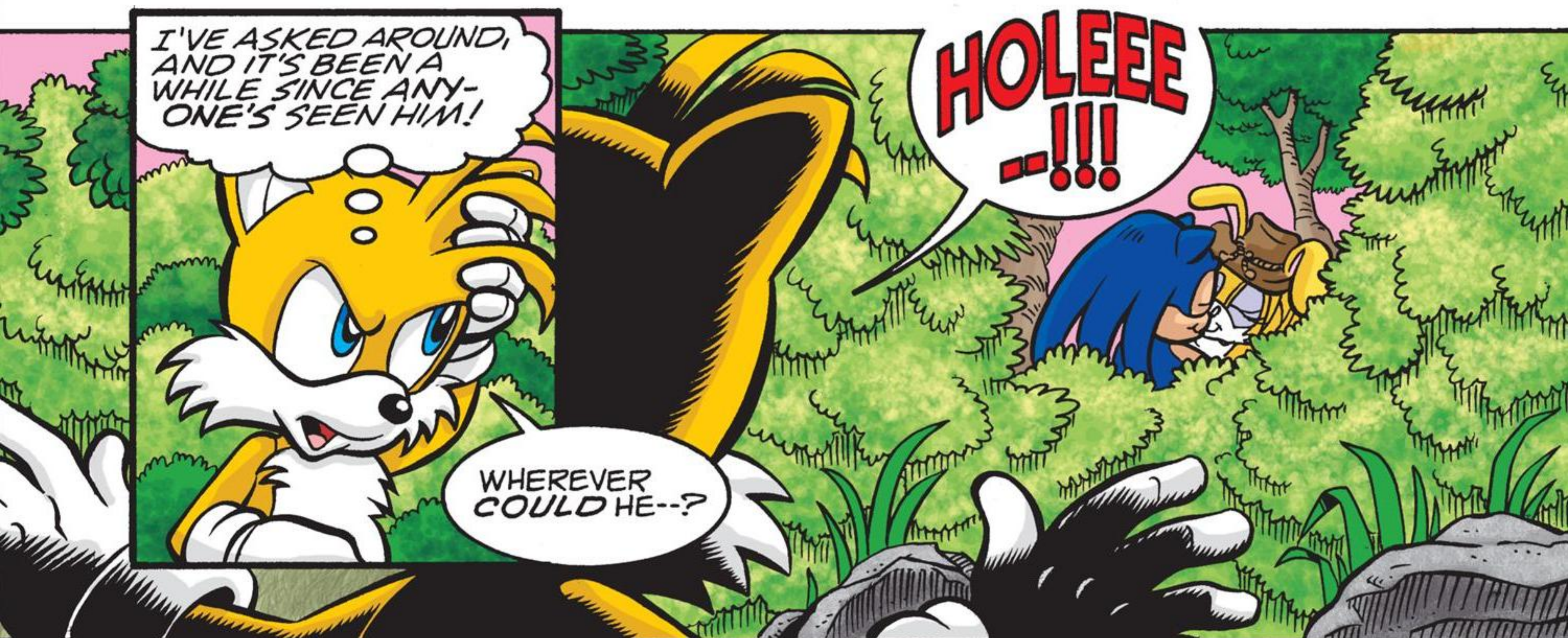
IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO PULL A NO-SHOW!



I'VE ASKED AROUND, AND IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE ANYONE'S SEEN HIM!

HOLEEE
--!!!

WHEREVER COULD HE--?



AFTER ANTOINE AND I BROKE UP, I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ME!

A BABE LIKE YOU? WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?

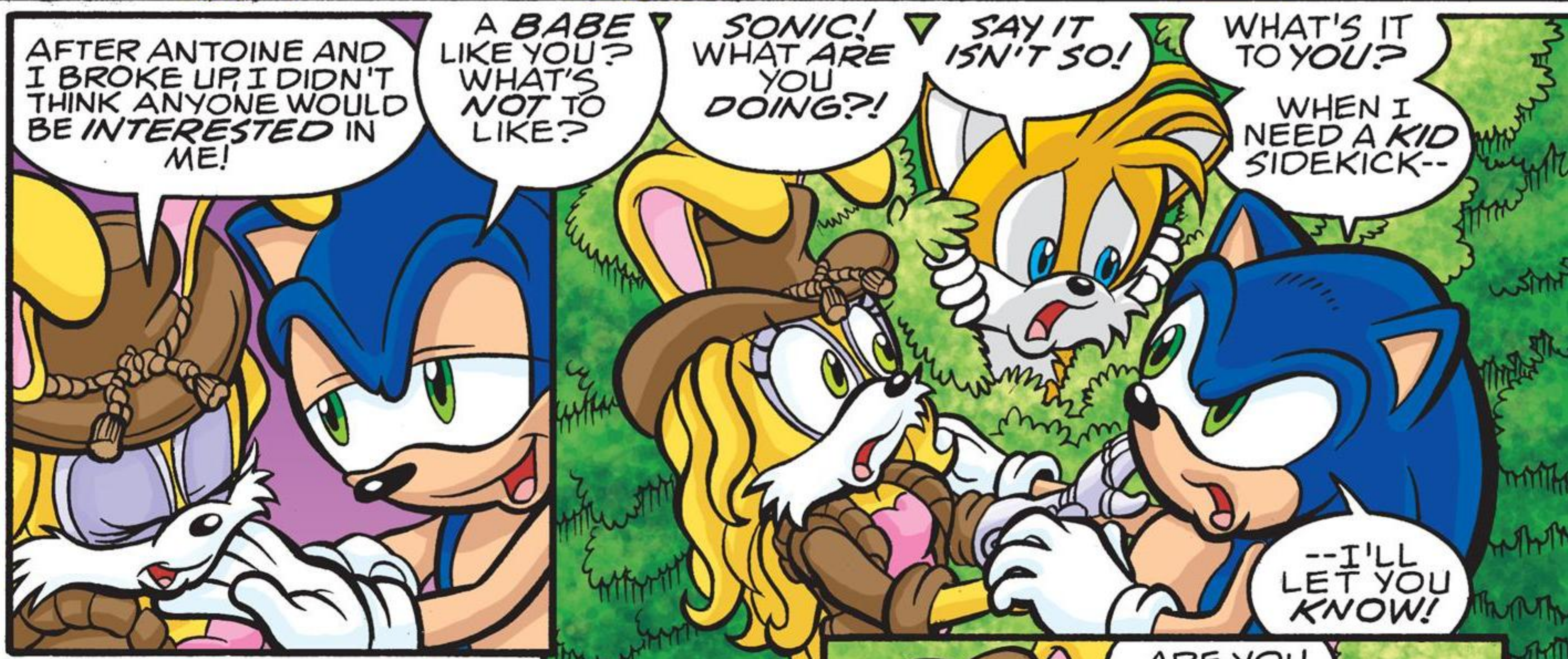
SONIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

SAY IT ISN'T SO!

WHAT'S IT TO YOU?

WHEN I NEED A KID SIDEKICK--

--I'LL LET YOU KNOW!

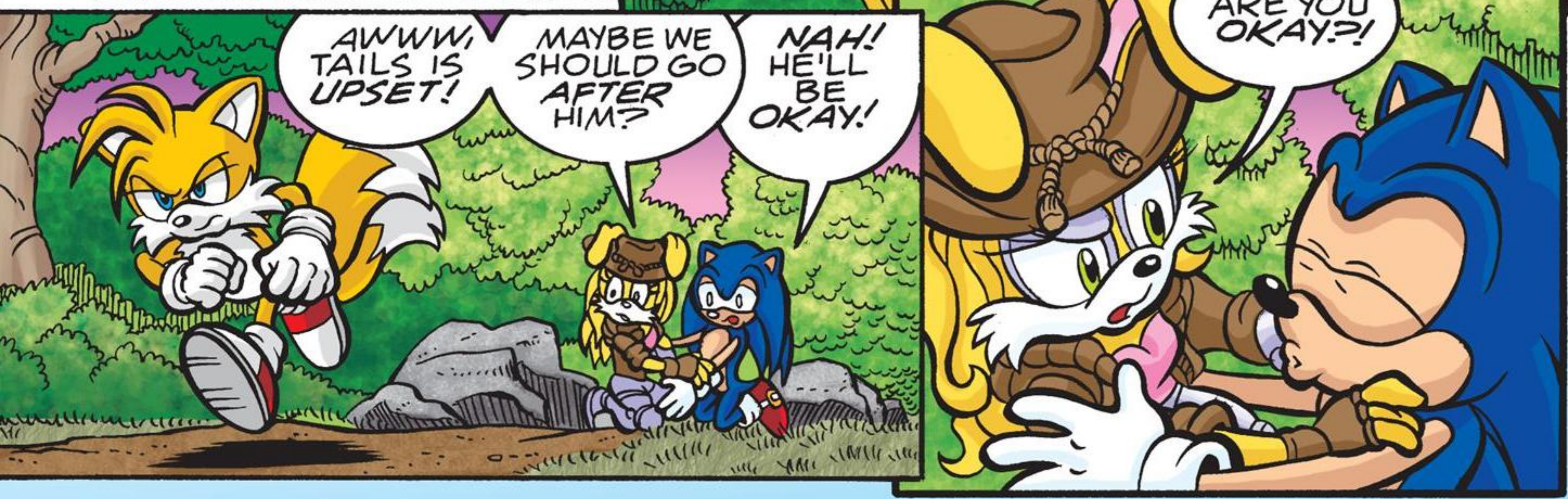


AWWW, TAILS IS UPSET!

MAYBE WE SHOULD GO AFTER HIM?

NAH! HE'LL BE OKAY!

ARE YOU OKAY?!



HOURS LATER...

UHH...
SONIC...
?

YEAH,
BABE?

OUR LITTLE NAP
WENT A LITTLE
LONG. THIS DAY IS
LIKE A WEIRD
DREAM.

HEY, IT'S
JUST A NAP,
BUT IF IT'S A
DREAM--

--IT'S A
GREAT
ONE!

I'M GOING
HOME! AND
YOU'D BETTER
TALK TO
TAILS.

IT WOULDN'T
DO TO BE
SEEN OUT
LATE LIKE
THIS!

WELL, DON'T BE
A STRANGER!

GOOD LUCK
WITH YOUR
PARENTS.

NOW *THIS* IS
THE LIFE!

"WHO COULD HAVE THUNK ALL THIS
STARTED OUT AS A PLAN TO GET
RID OF ME..."

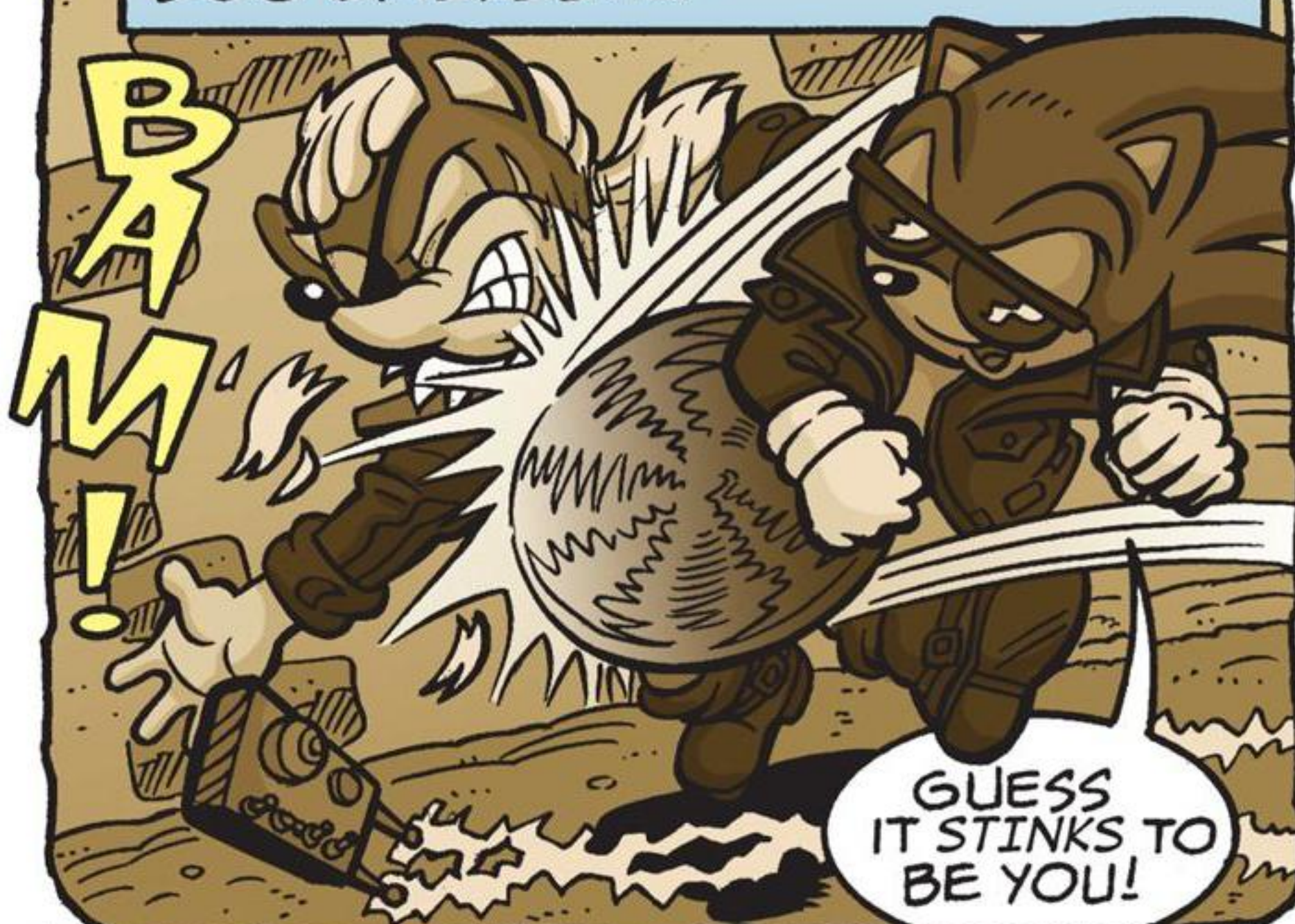
ZAY
GOODBYE,
YOU BLUE-
SPINED
OAF!

FAME
--CHICKS--
AND ALL THE
CHILI-DOGS A
HEDGEHOG
COULD
WANT!

WHAT
MORE
TO LIFE IS
THERE?

ONCE I PUSH
ZIS BUTTON,
I'LL ELIMINATE
MY GREATEST
ENEMY
FOREVAIRE!

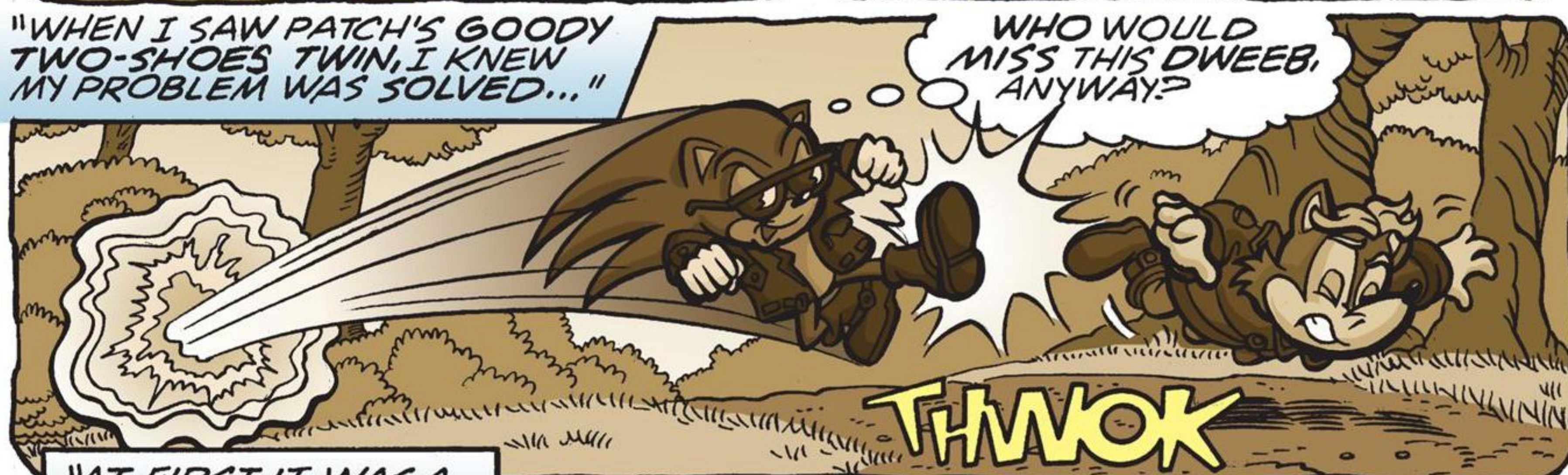
"PATCH WAS GONNA SEND MY TAIL TO THE MOBIUS WE INVADED BEFORE, COURTESY OF EVIL ROTOR'S LATEST DOO-DAD, BUT..."



"SINCE I FIGURED PATCH WOULD TRY TO FRY MY TAIL AGAIN, I DECIDED TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE..."



"WHEN I SAW PATCH'S GOODY TWO-SHOES TWIN, I KNEW MY PROBLEM WAS SOLVED..."

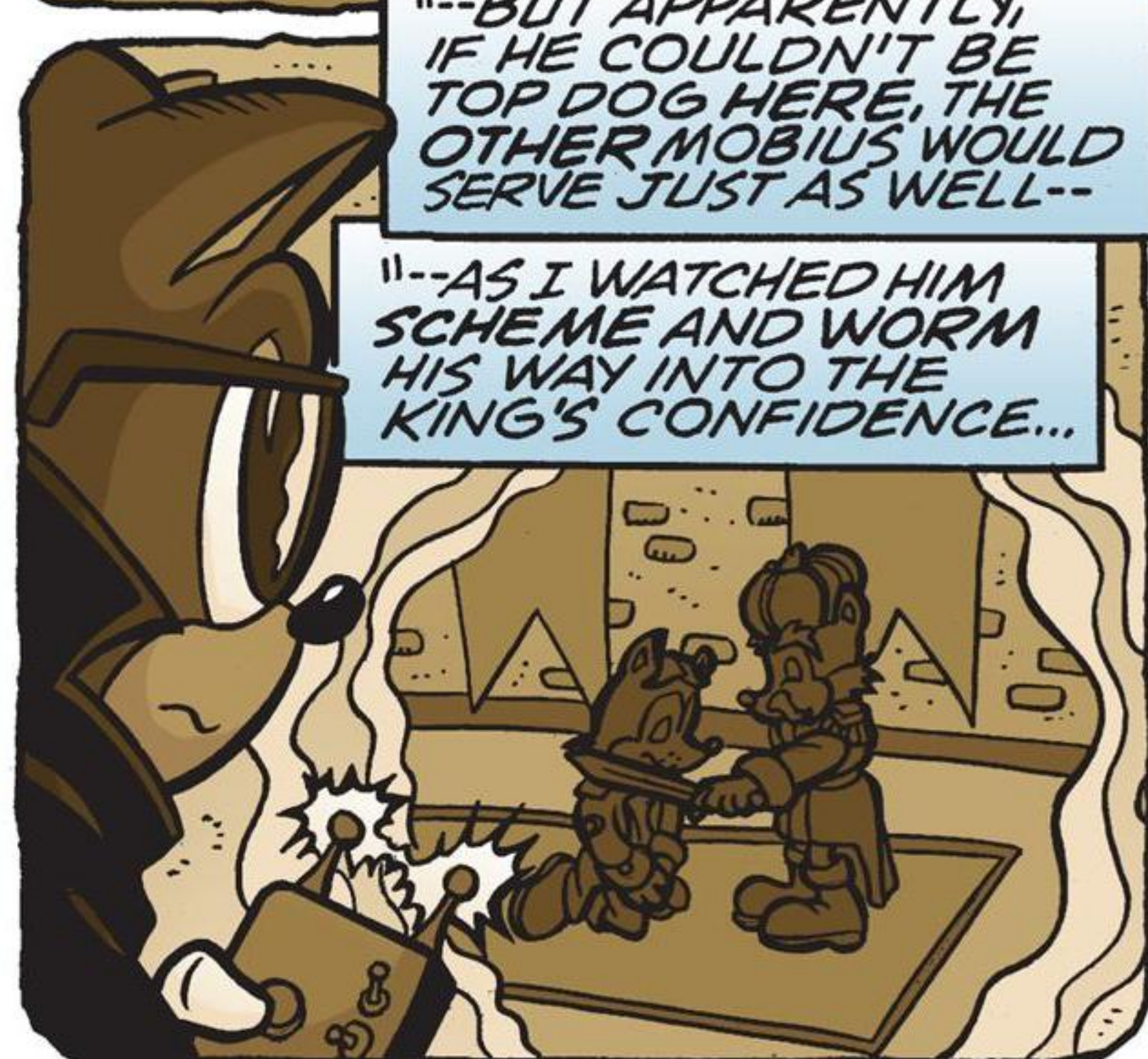


"AT FIRST IT WAS A GAS TO SEE PATCH'S REACTION--"



"--BUT APPARENTLY, IF HE COULDN'T BE TOP DOG HERE, THE OTHER MOBIUS WOULD SERVE JUST AS WELL--"

"--AS I WATCHED HIM SCHEME AND WORM HIS WAY INTO THE KING'S CONFIDENCE..."



BUT WHAT ABOUT ME?

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, BABE!

I'D KEEP WEARING THE DISGUISE IF I WERE YOU--



--ESPECIALLY IF YOU HOPE TO EVER SEE HOME AGAIN!

"AS TIME PASSED, IT TURNED OUT THAT PATCH FELL INTO A REAL SWEET DEAL, SO I FIGURED, WHY SHOULD HE BE THE ONLY ONE TO MAKE OUT..."



BEST OF ALL, NO MORE SALLY AND ALL HER WHINING AND COMPLAINING!

AND WOULD'JA BELIEVE--

--I HIT THE JACKPOT!



--OR WORSE

GOTTA FINISH DEACTIVATING ROBO-BUTT'S LANDMINES BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT--

WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS, YA SEIZE IT, I ALWAYS SAY!

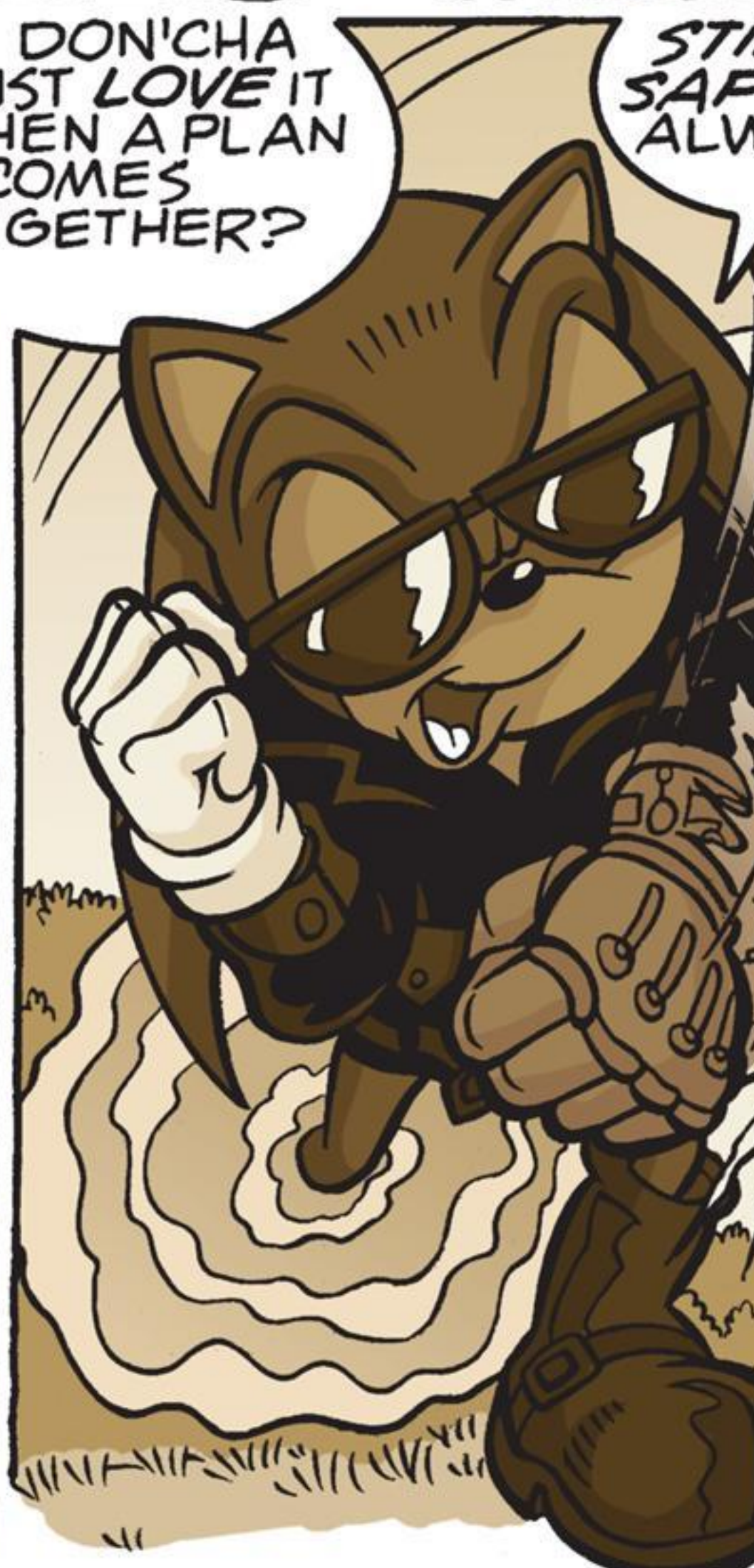
HE TAKES MY PLACE HERE...

...WHILE I TAKE OVER THERE!

DON'CHA JUST LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER?

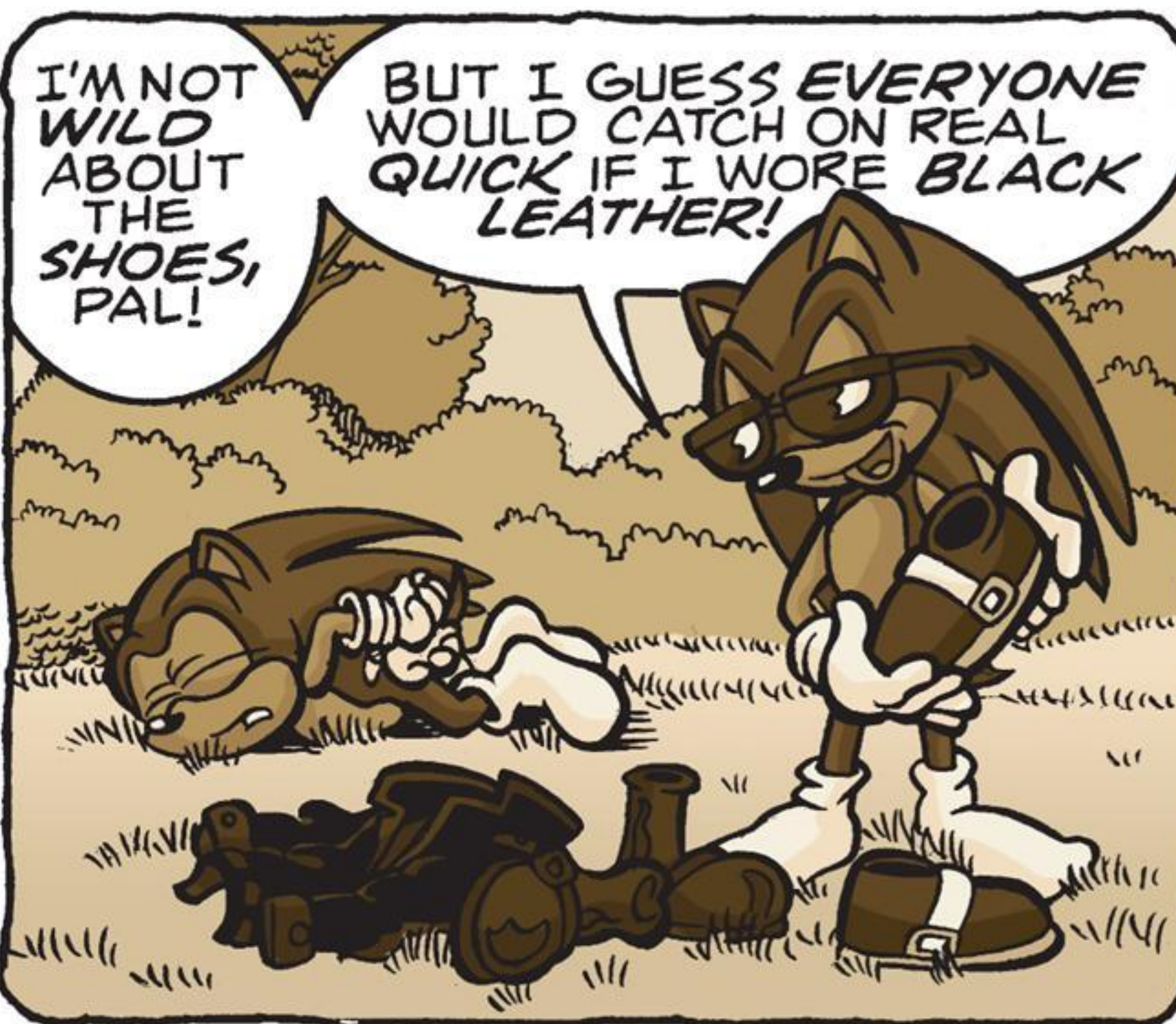
STILL A S'AP LIKE ALWAYS!

YOU'RE NOT SO FAST YOU CAN'T BE TAGGED, SUCKER!



I'M NOT WILD ABOUT THE SHOES, PAL!

BUT I GUESS EVERYONE WOULD CATCH ON REAL QUICK IF I WORE BLACK LEATHER!



NOW THAT I'M ACCEPTED AS THE REAL DEAL ON THIS MOBIUS--

--WHY WOULD I EVER GO BACK--



--TO THAT BUNCH O' LAME-OS I USED TO CALL "MY GANG"?

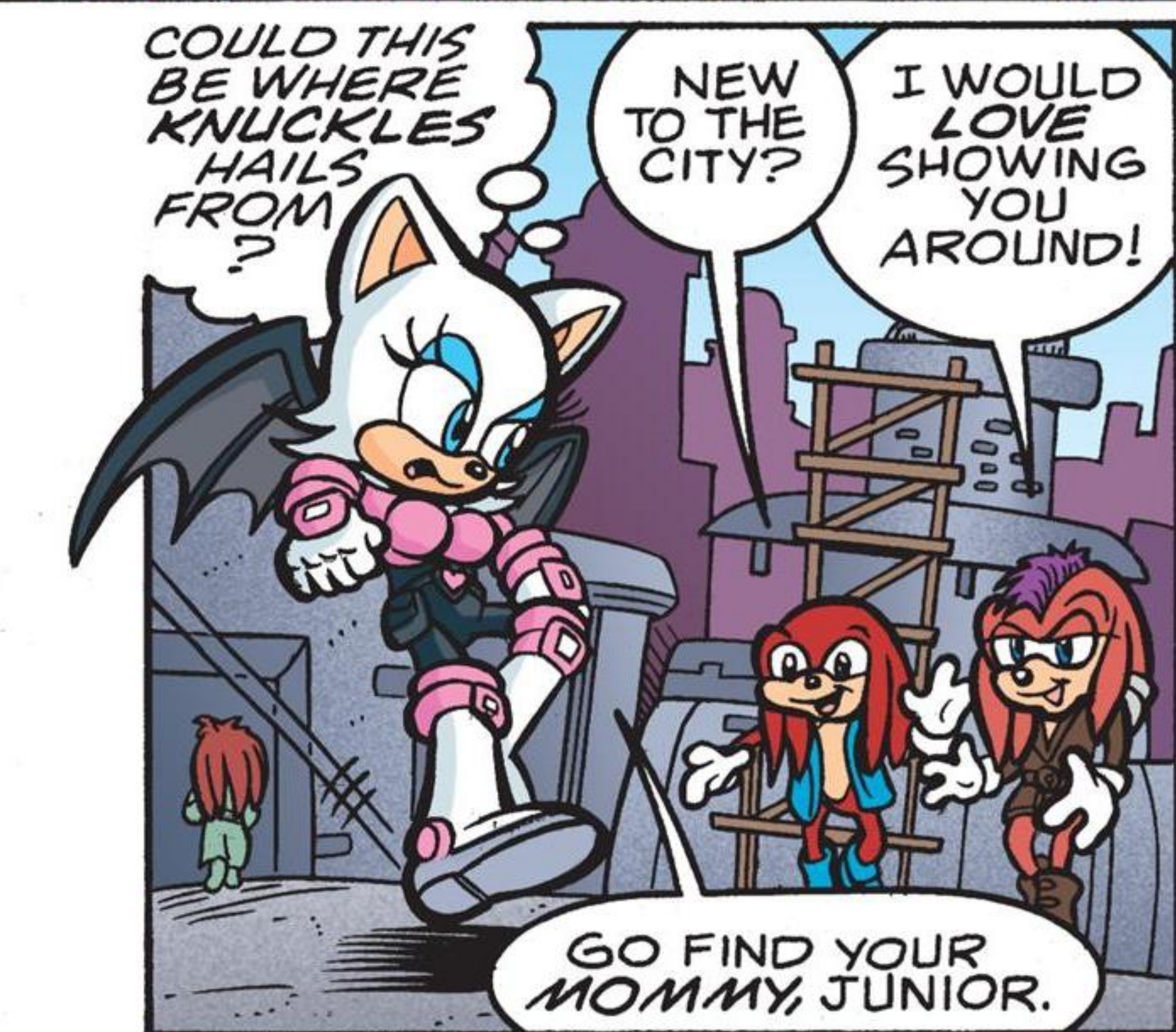


"NO WAY, JOSE! NOT THIS TIME!"

THIS WAS UNEXPECTED!

A CITY LOCATED ON THIS ISLAND MUCH LIKE STATION SQUARE--

--BUT FILLED WITH ECHIDNAS INSTEAD OF OVERLANDERS!

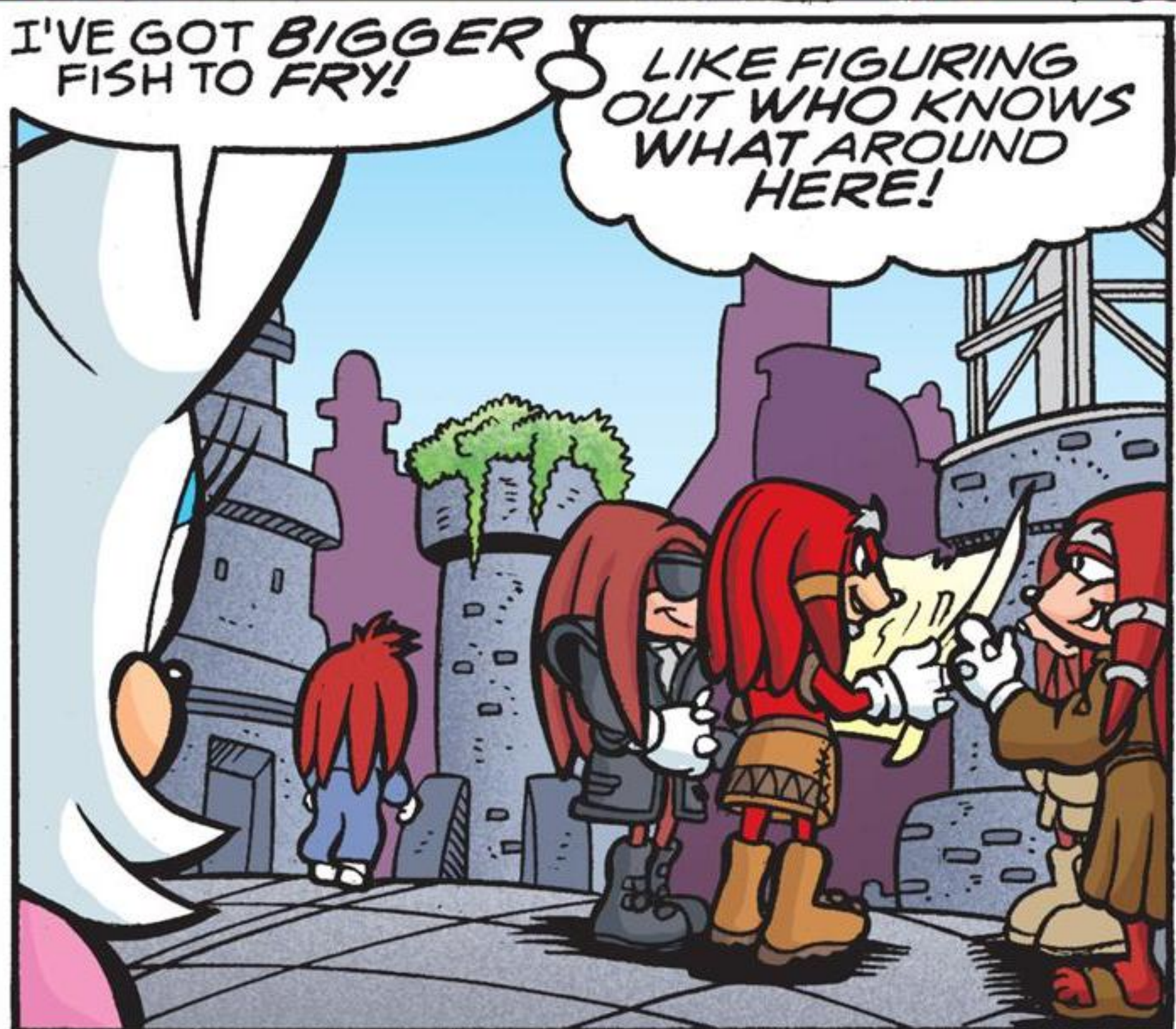


COULD THIS BE WHERE KNUCKLES HAILS FROM?

NEW TO THE CITY?

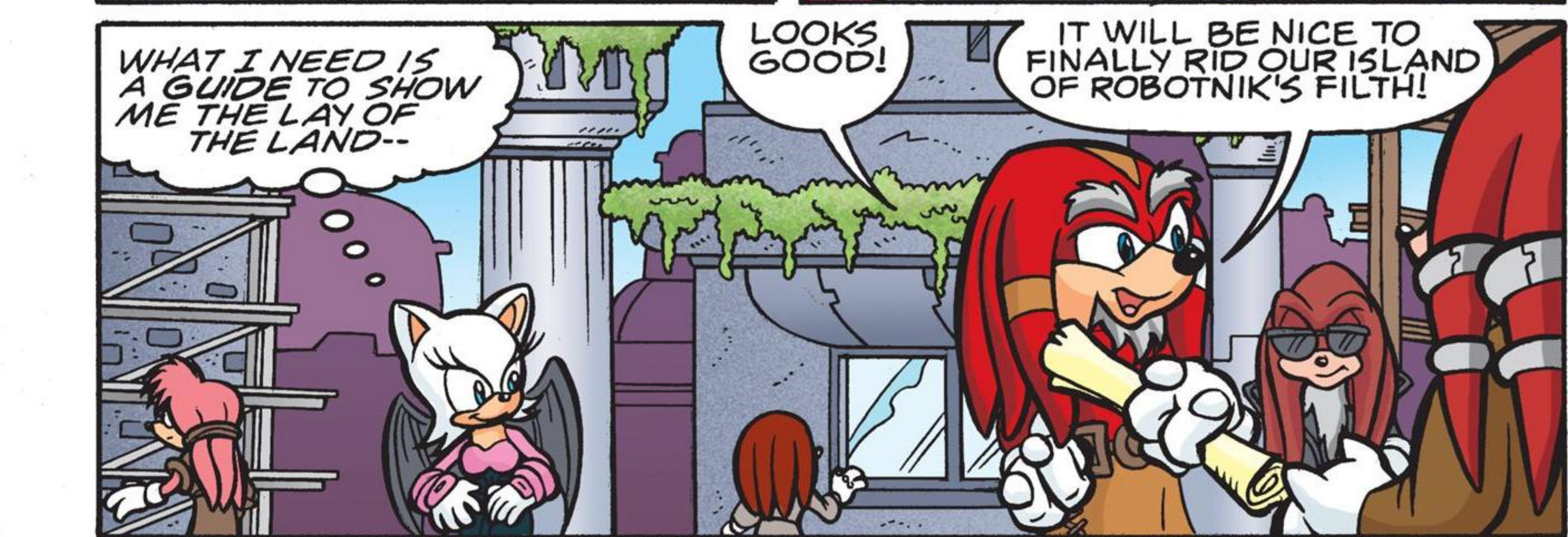
I WOULD LOVE SHOWING YOU AROUND!

GO FIND YOUR MOMMY, JUNIOR.



I'VE GOT BIGGER FISH TO FRY!

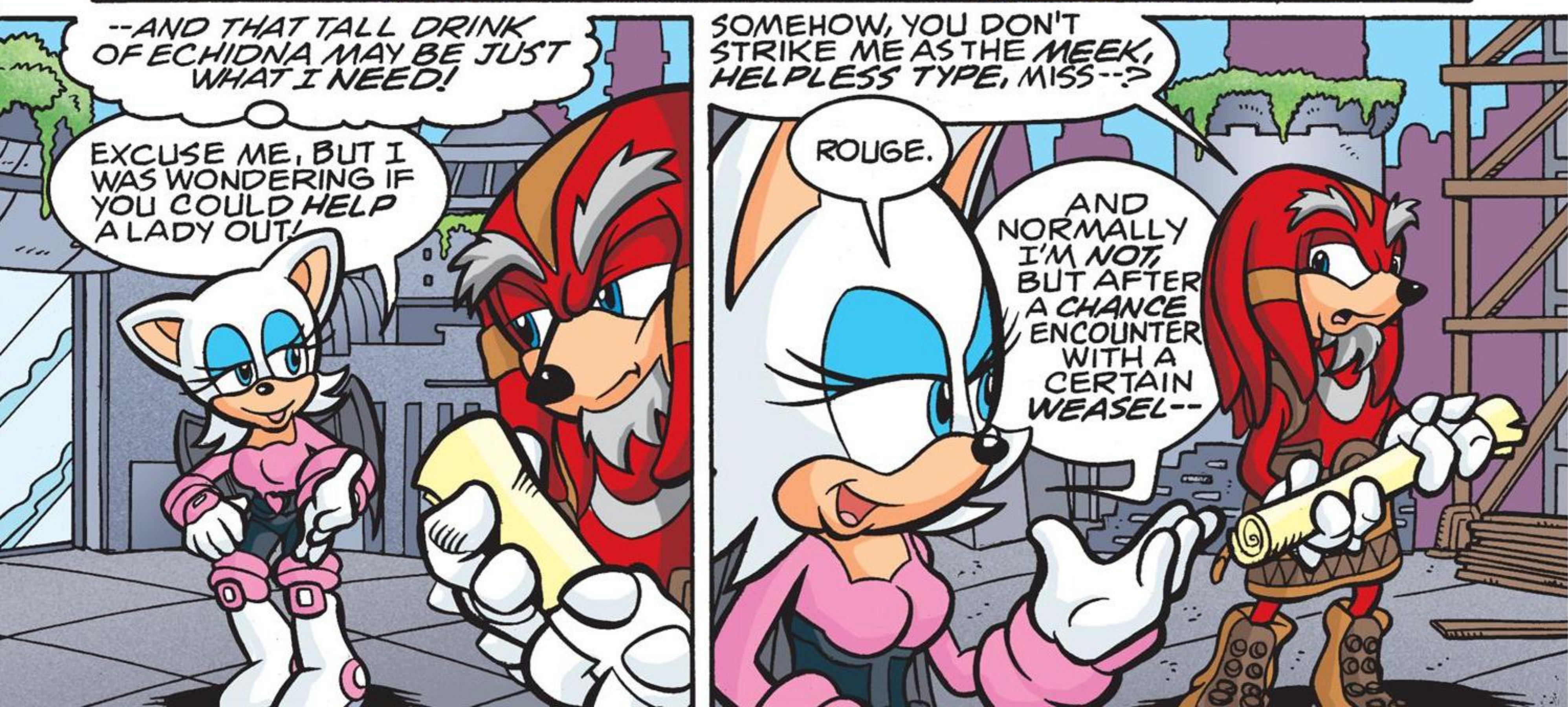
LIKE FIGURING OUT WHO KNOWS WHAT AROUND HERE!



WHAT I NEED IS A GUIDE TO SHOW ME THE LAY OF THE LAND--

LOOKS GOOD!

IT WILL BE NICE TO FINALLY RID OUR ISLAND OF ROBOTNIK'S FILTH!



--AND THAT TALL DRINK OF ECHIDNA MAY BE JUST WHAT I NEED!

EXCUSE ME, BUT I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD HELP A LADY OUT!

SOMEHOW, YOU DON'T STRIKE ME AS THE MEEK, HELPLESS TYPE, MISS--?

ROUGE.

AND NORMALLY I'M NOT, BUT AFTER A CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH A CERTAIN WEASEL--

"--THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE."

SINCE BLUNNIE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT SONIC'S PARENTS--

--I'LL GO CHECK OUT WHAT FUN I CAN HAVE THERE!

WHOA!

THAT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF MY DOC'S GIZMOS--

--ONLY NASTIER!

TICK
TICK
TICK

SO WHY TAKE CHANCES?

ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS WORLD'S ROBO-BUTT CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME--

--AND MY GOODIE TWO-SHOES TWIN!

WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

SONIC! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO SEND YOU ON THIS ASSIGNMENT!

IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S BETA-BOMBS!

IF SONIC HADN'T SET IT OFF WHEN HE DID, THE EFFECTS WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE!

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MARK THEIR LOCATIONS!

CAN'T YOU EVER PLAY IT SAFE JUST ONCE?!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES?

"THIS SALLY IS JUST AS BIG A PAIN AS THE ONE I LEFT BEHIND..."

SO WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TO ANGEL ISLAND, ROUGE?

WE ARE A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS OF VISITORS...
...CONSIDERING OUR RECENT GUESTS. *

EDITOR'S NOTE: AGAIN, SONIC 138-141.

YOU KNOW, THE *USUAL*--
NEW OPPORTUNITIES--

--A CHANCE TO START OVER--

--WHAT-
EVER SPIRIT
MOVES ME!

WHY NOT
TELL ME
ALL ABOUT
IT, THEN?

IT'S BEEN
A *WHILE*
SINCE I'VE
--HEARD
A GOOD
STORY!

ONE COOKED-UP POTBOILER
LATER...

--AND THAT'S
IT, REALLY.

YOU
SOUND
LIKE SOME-
ONE WHO
LIVES LIFE
ON THE
EDGE!

YOU'LL LOVE
THIS ONE, THEN.
IT'S A *DOOZY*!

I'VE
LEARNED TO BE
PREPARED!

PREPARED--?
SAY! YOU WOULDN'T
HAPPEN TO BE THE
GUARDIAN OF
THIS PLACE,
WOULD YOU?

GUARDIAN?!

WHY
WOULD
YOU SAY
THAT?

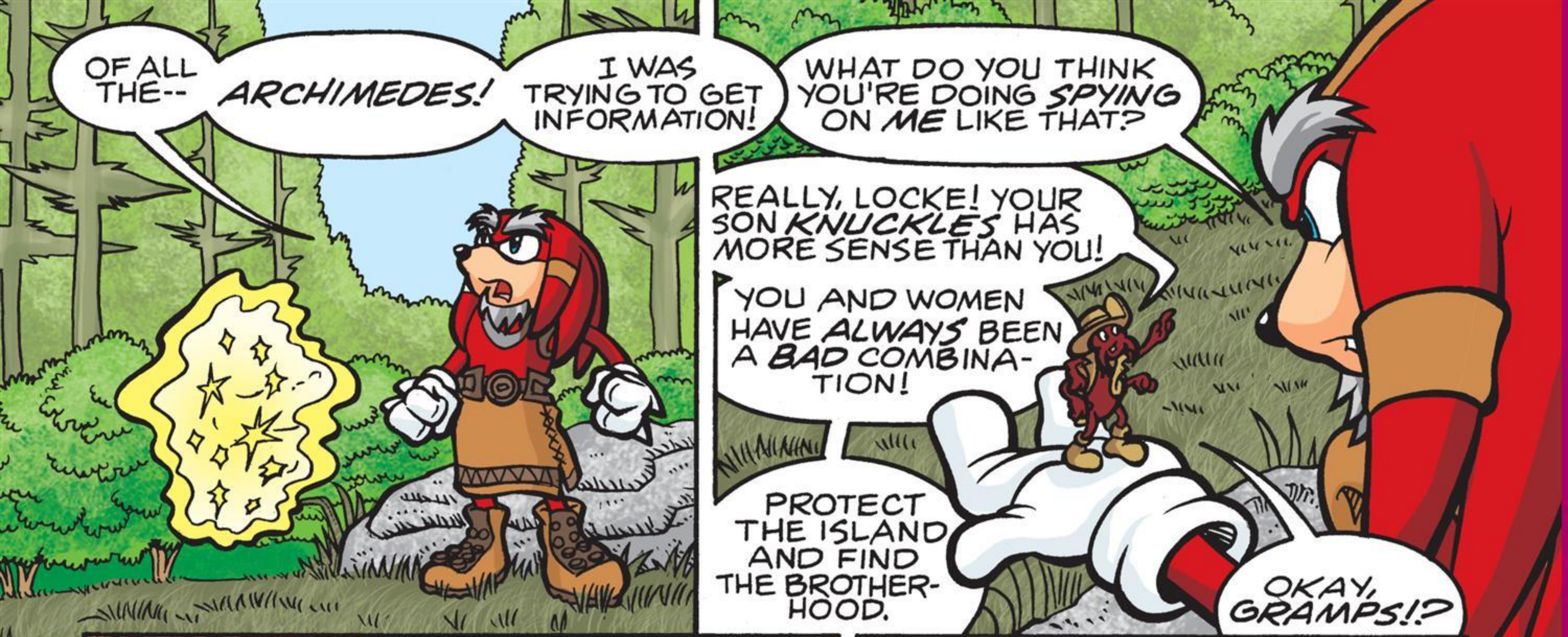
JUST
EXACTLY
WHAT
ARE YOU
AFTER?!

MAN, ARE YOU THIS WAY
WITH ALL THE LADIES,
GRAMPS?! NO WONDER--

WAIT!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO ME?!

BAMF!



OF ALL THE--

ARCHIMEDES!

I WAS TRYING TO GET INFORMATION!

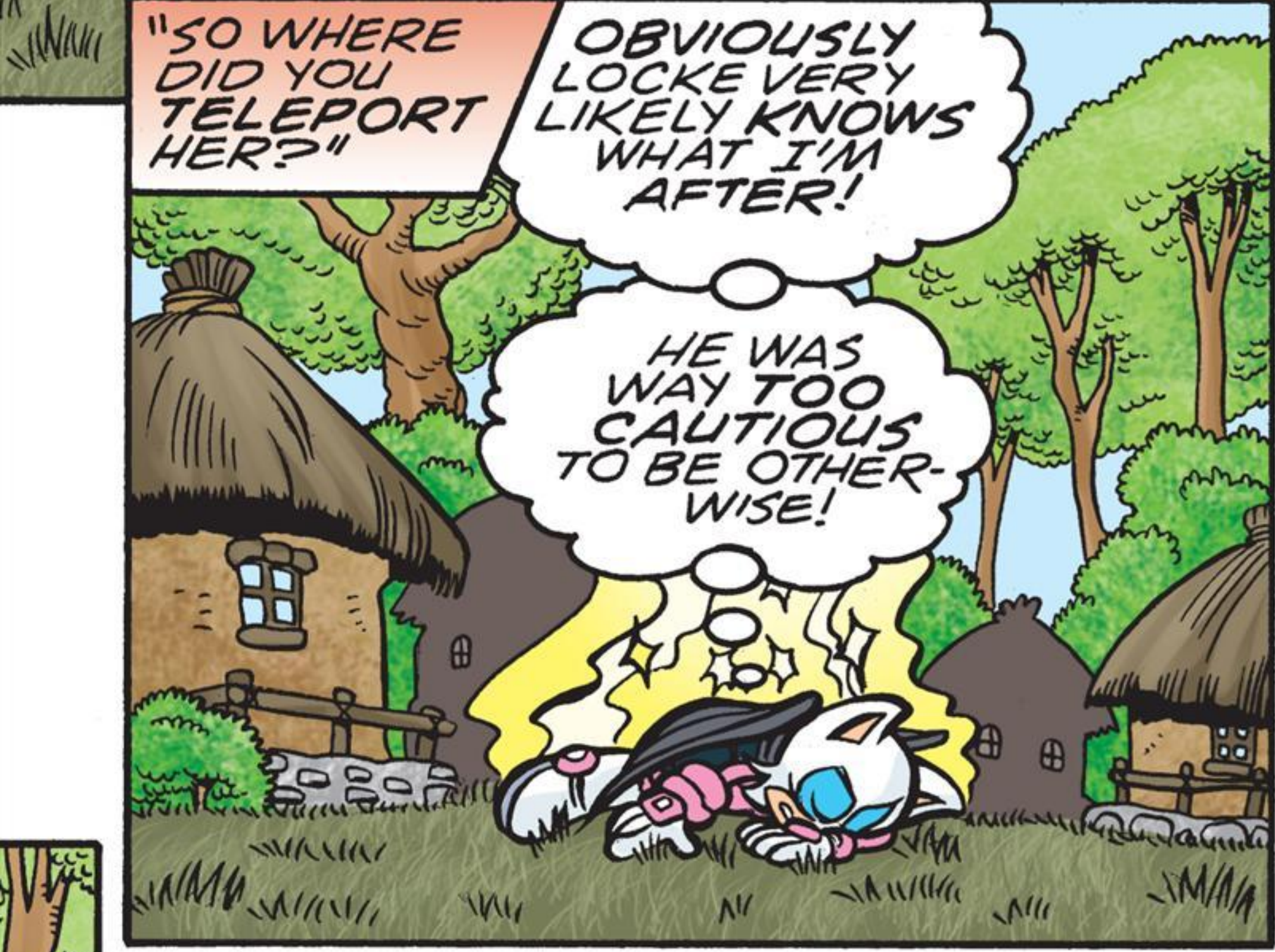
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING *SPYING* ON ME LIKE THAT?

REALLY, LOCKE! YOUR SON **KNUCKLES** HAS MORE SENSE THAN YOU!

YOU AND WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A **BAD COMBINATION!**

PROTECT THE ISLAND AND FIND THE BROTHERHOOD.

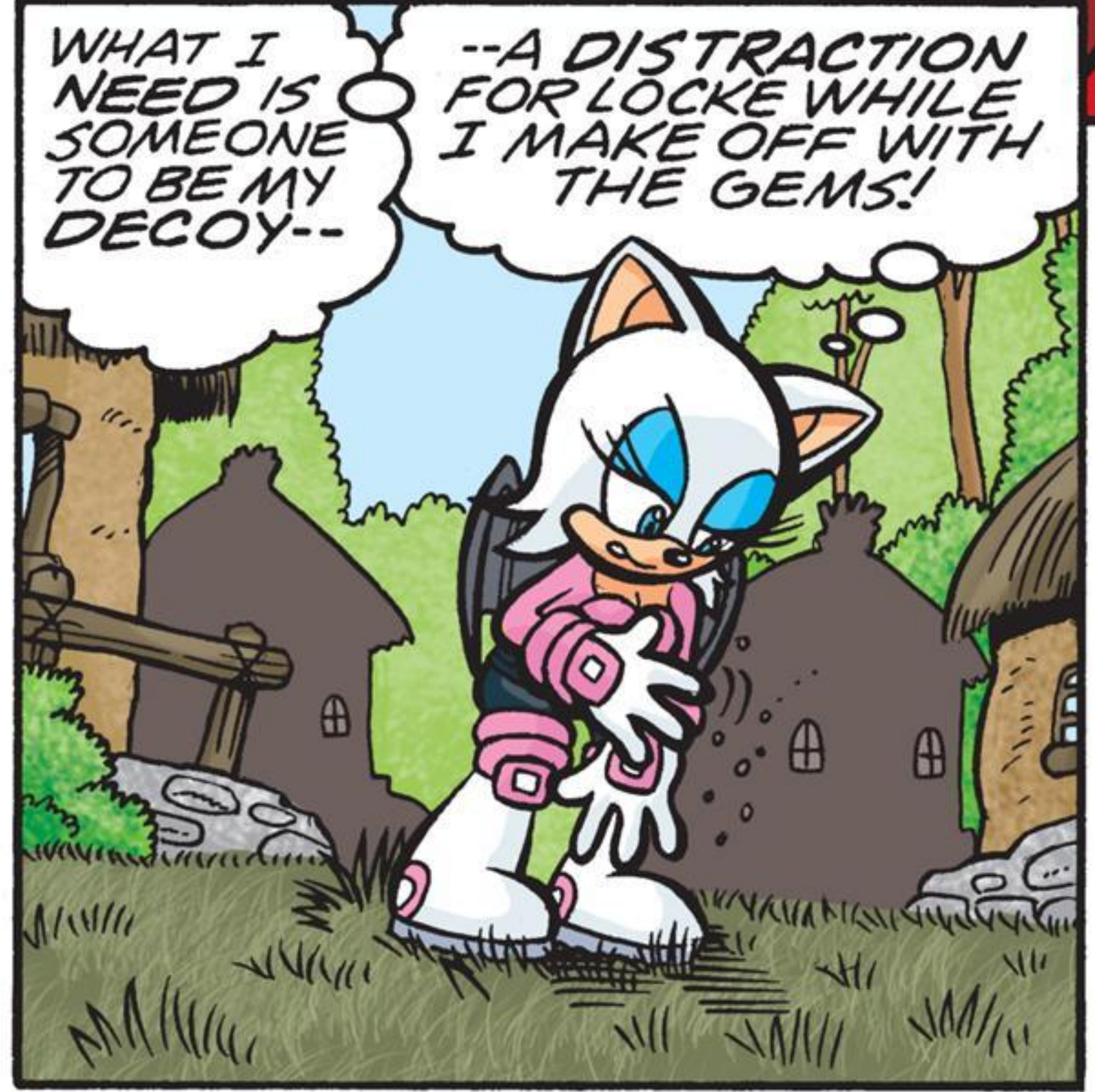
OKAY, GRAMPS!?



"SO WHERE DID YOU TELEPORT HER?"

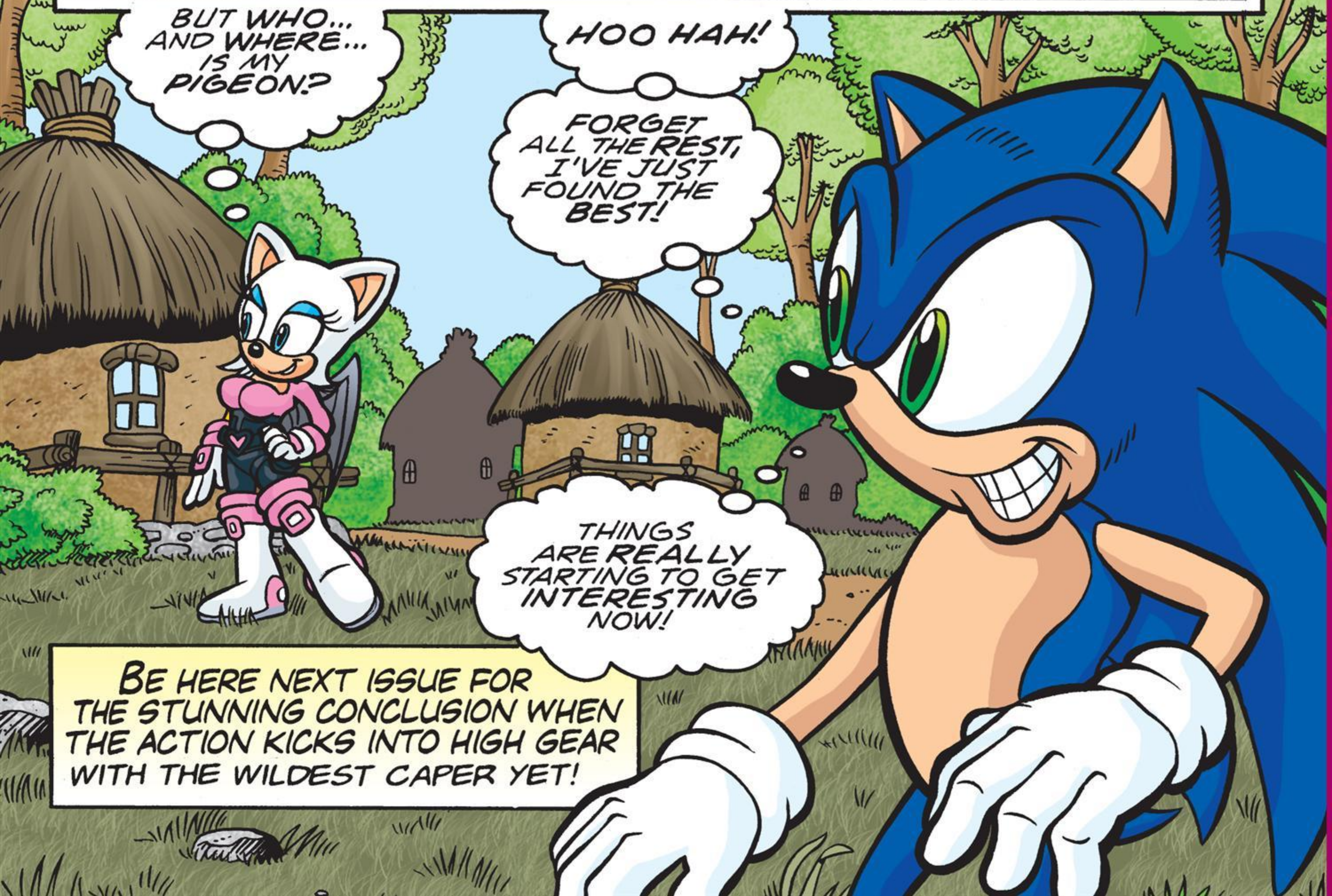
OBVIOUSLY LOCKE VERY LIKELY KNOWS WHAT I'M AFTER!

HE WAS WAY TOO CAUTIOUS TO BE OTHERWISE!



WHAT I NEED IS SOMEONE TO BE MY DECOY--

--A DISTRACTION FOR LOCKE WHILE I MAKE OFF WITH THE GEMS!



BUT WHO... AND WHERE... IS MY PIGEON?

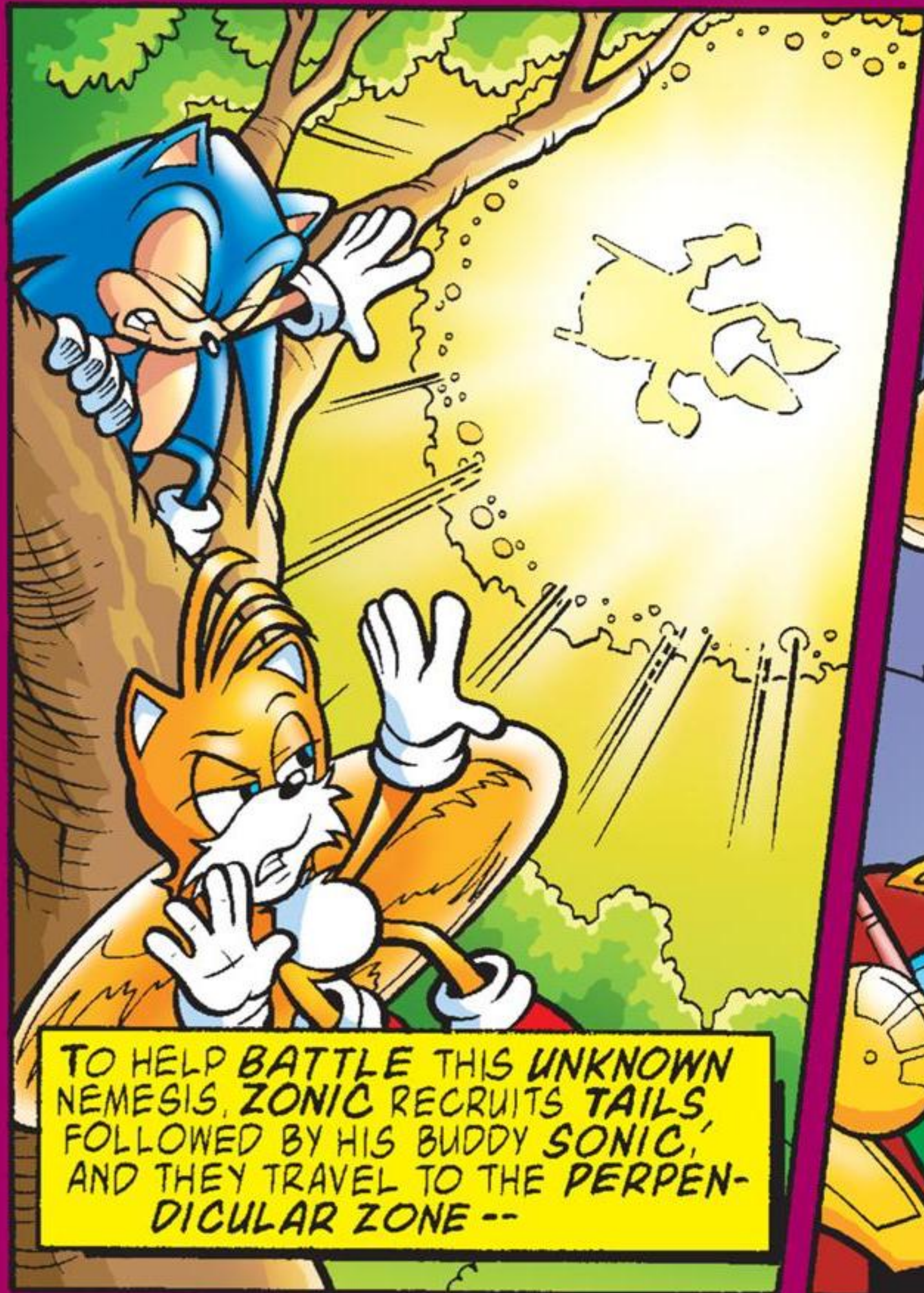
HOO HAH!

FORGET ALL THE REST, I'VE JUST FOUND THE BEST!

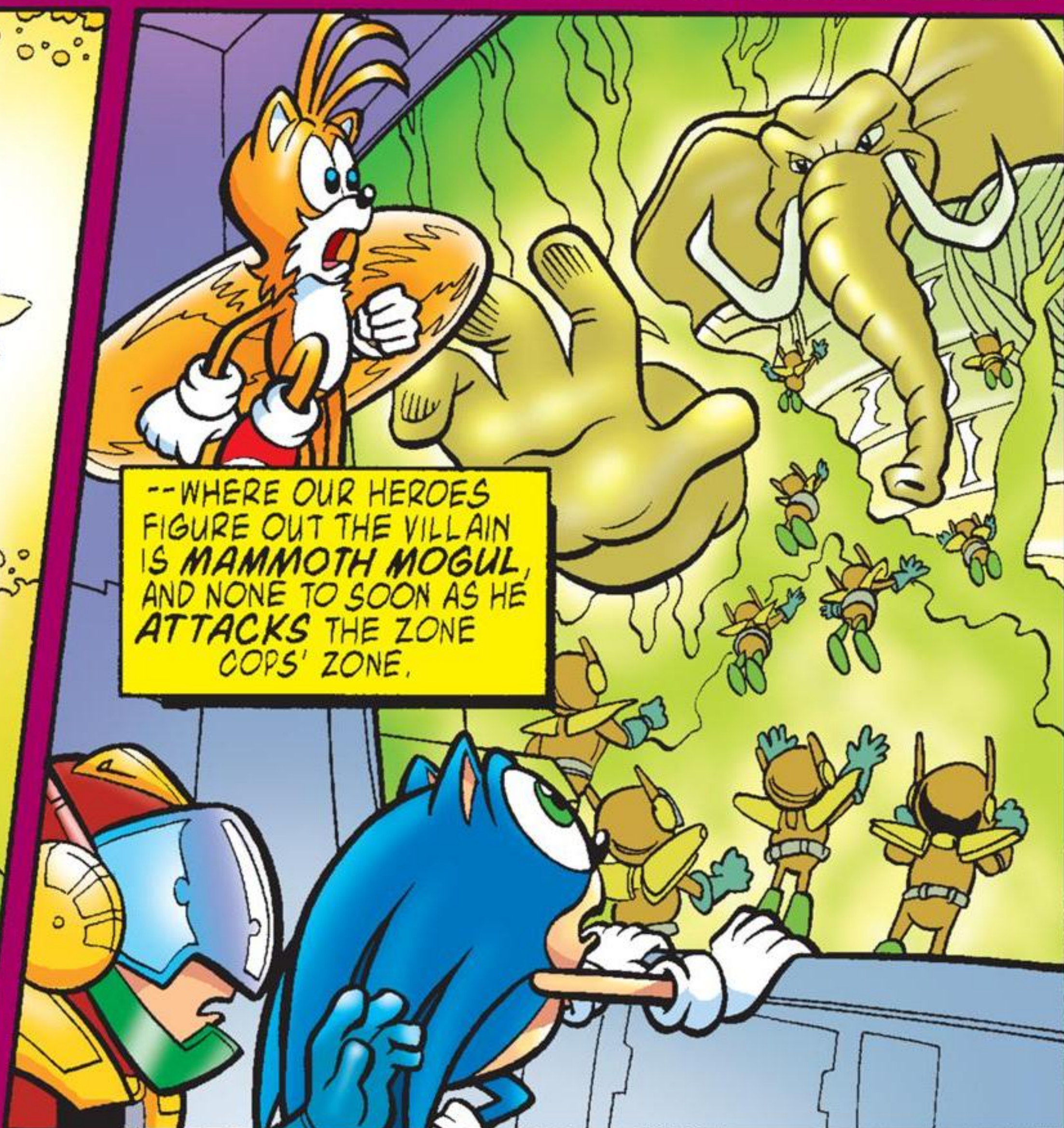
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BE HERE NEXT ISSUE FOR THE STUNNING CONCLUSION WHEN THE ACTION KICKS INTO HIGH GEAR WITH THE WILDEST CAPER YET!

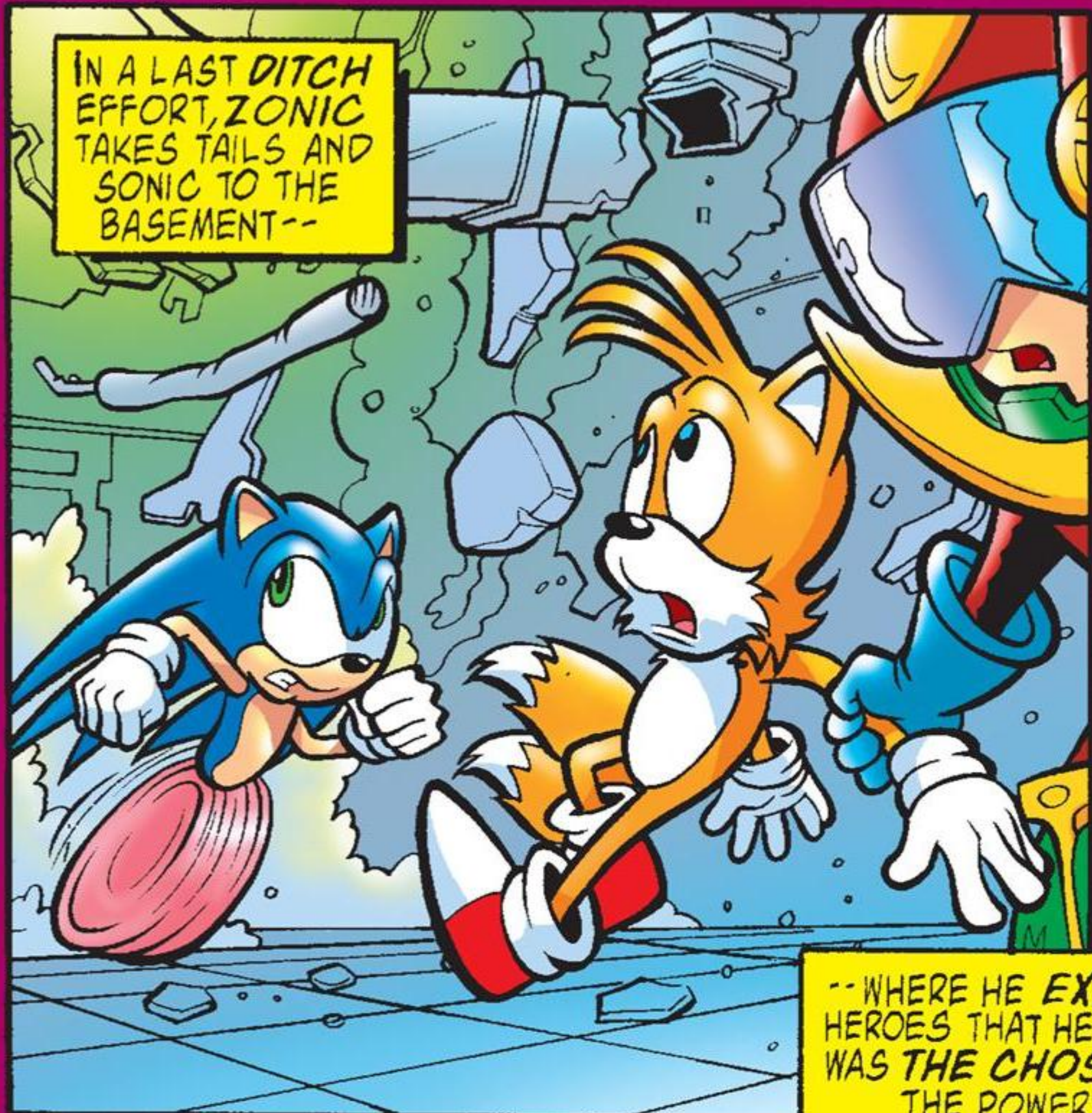
IN OUR LAST
EXCITING
EPISODE A
MYSTERIOUS BEING
OF GALACTIC
POWERS AND
EVIL BEYOND
REASON WAS
DESTROYING
ONE ALTERNATE
ZONE AFTER
ANOTHER.



TO HELP BATTLE THIS UNKNOWN
NEMESIS, ZONIC RECRUITS TAILS,
FOLLOWED BY HIS BUDDY SONIC,
AND THEY TRAVEL TO THE PERPEN-
DICULAR ZONE --



-- WHERE OUR HEROES
FIGURE OUT THE VILLAIN
IS MAMMOTH MOGUL,
AND NONE TO SOON AS HE
ATTACKS THE ZONE
COPS' ZONE.



IN A LAST DITCH
EFFORT, ZONIC
TAKES TAILS AND
SONIC TO THE
BASEMENT --



-- WHERE HE EXPLAINS TO OUR
HEROES THAT HE KNEW THAT TAILS
WAS THE CHOSEN ONE TO DEFEAT
THE POWER OF MOGUL...

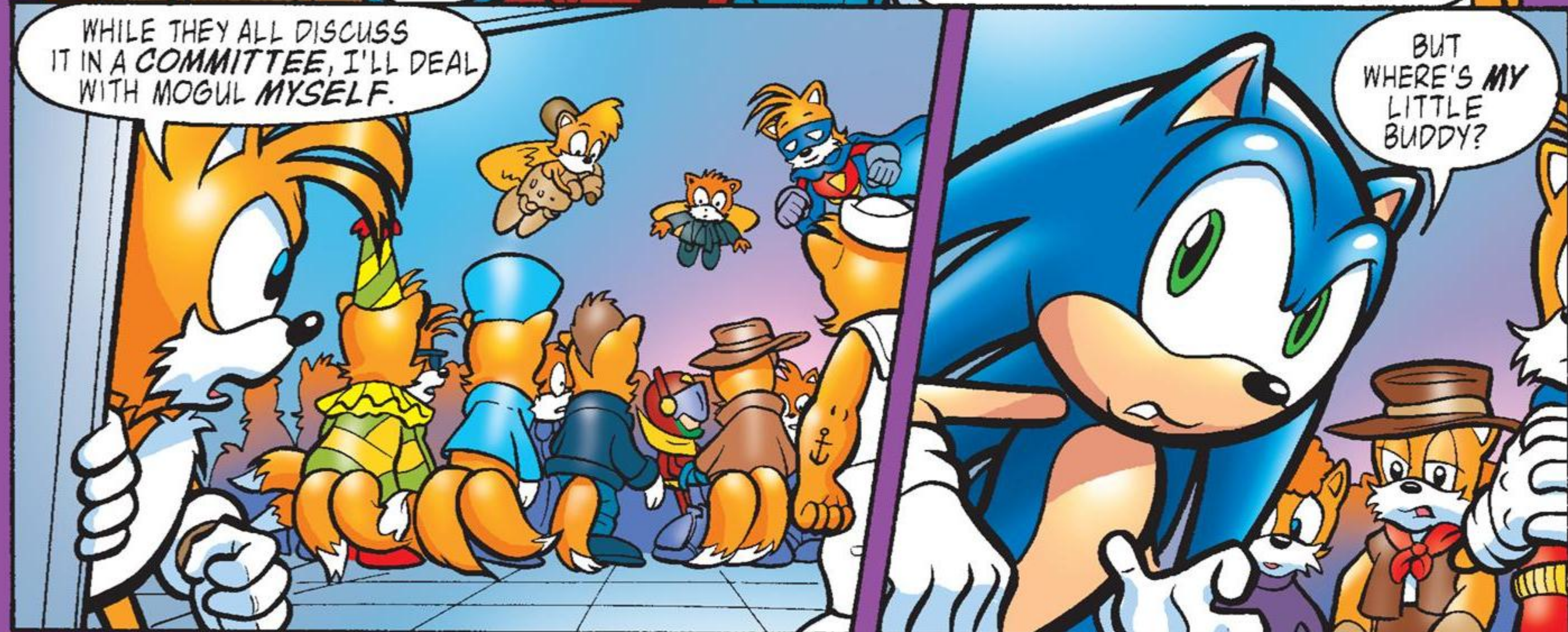
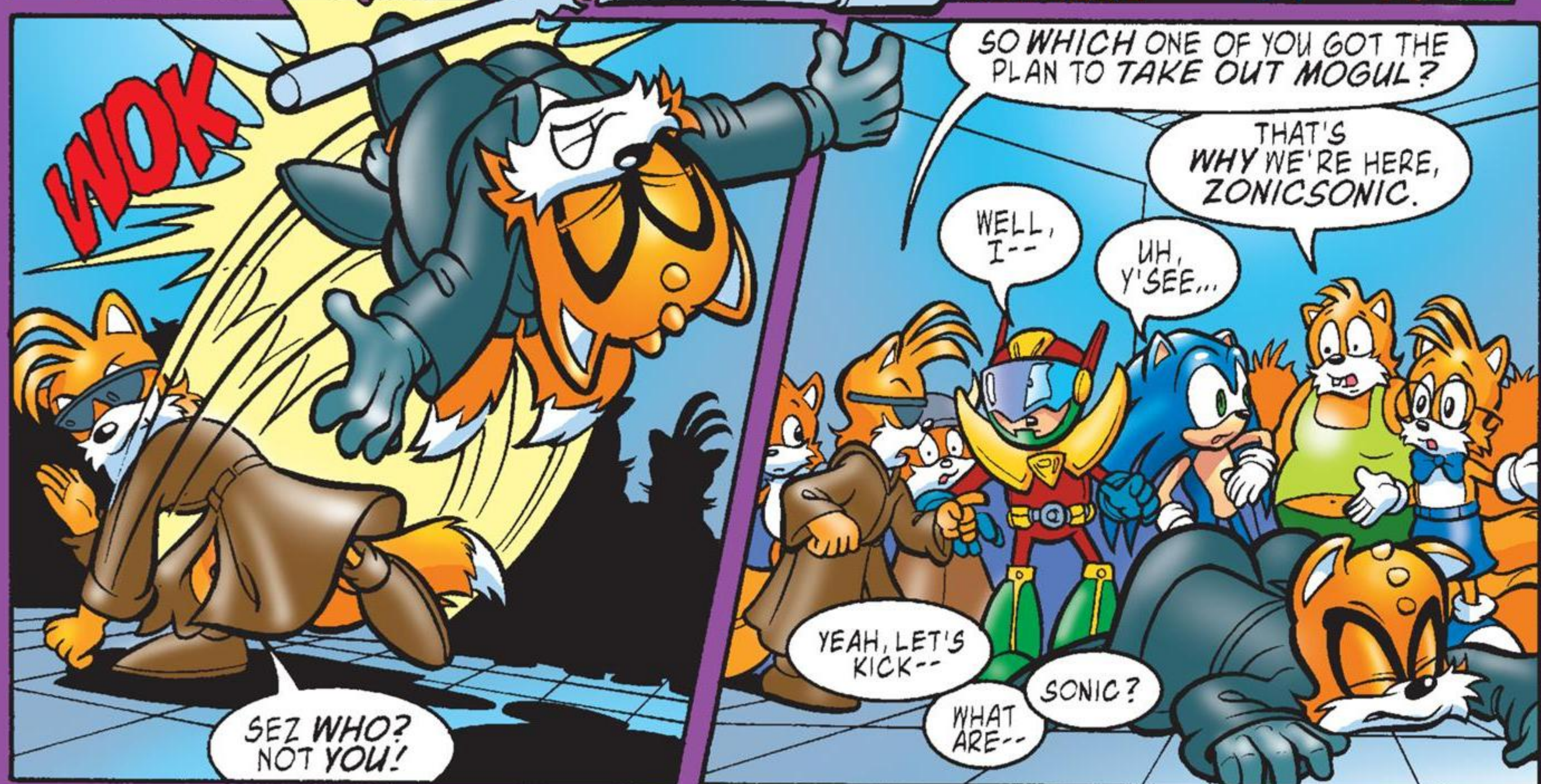
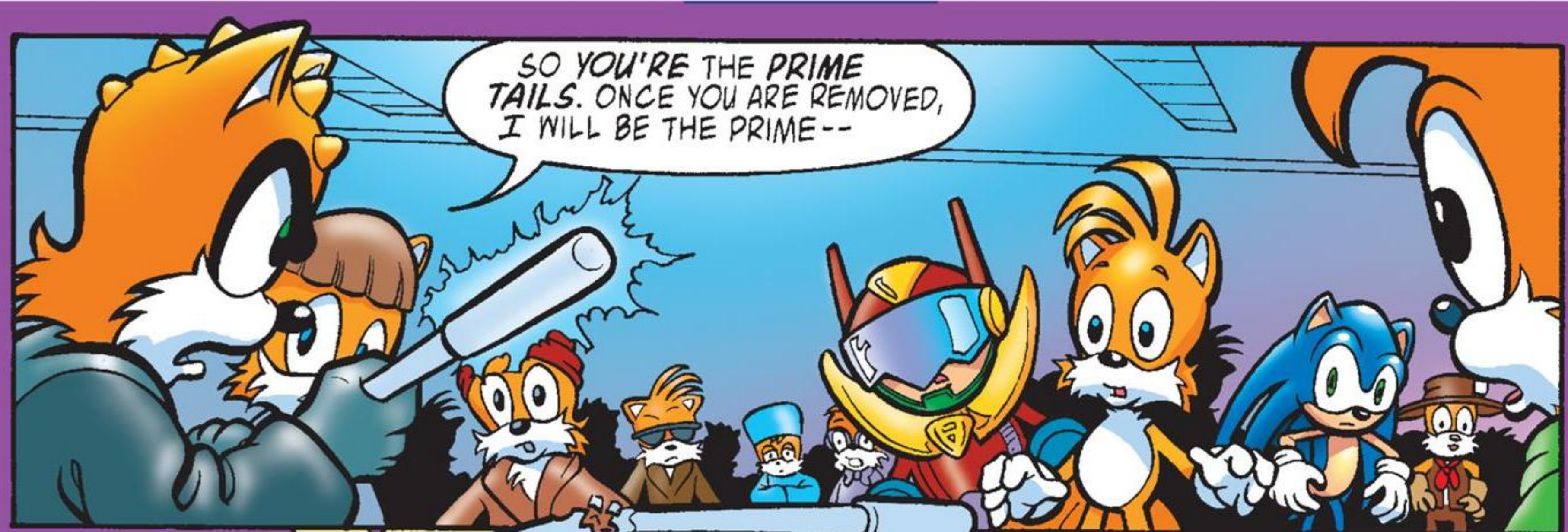
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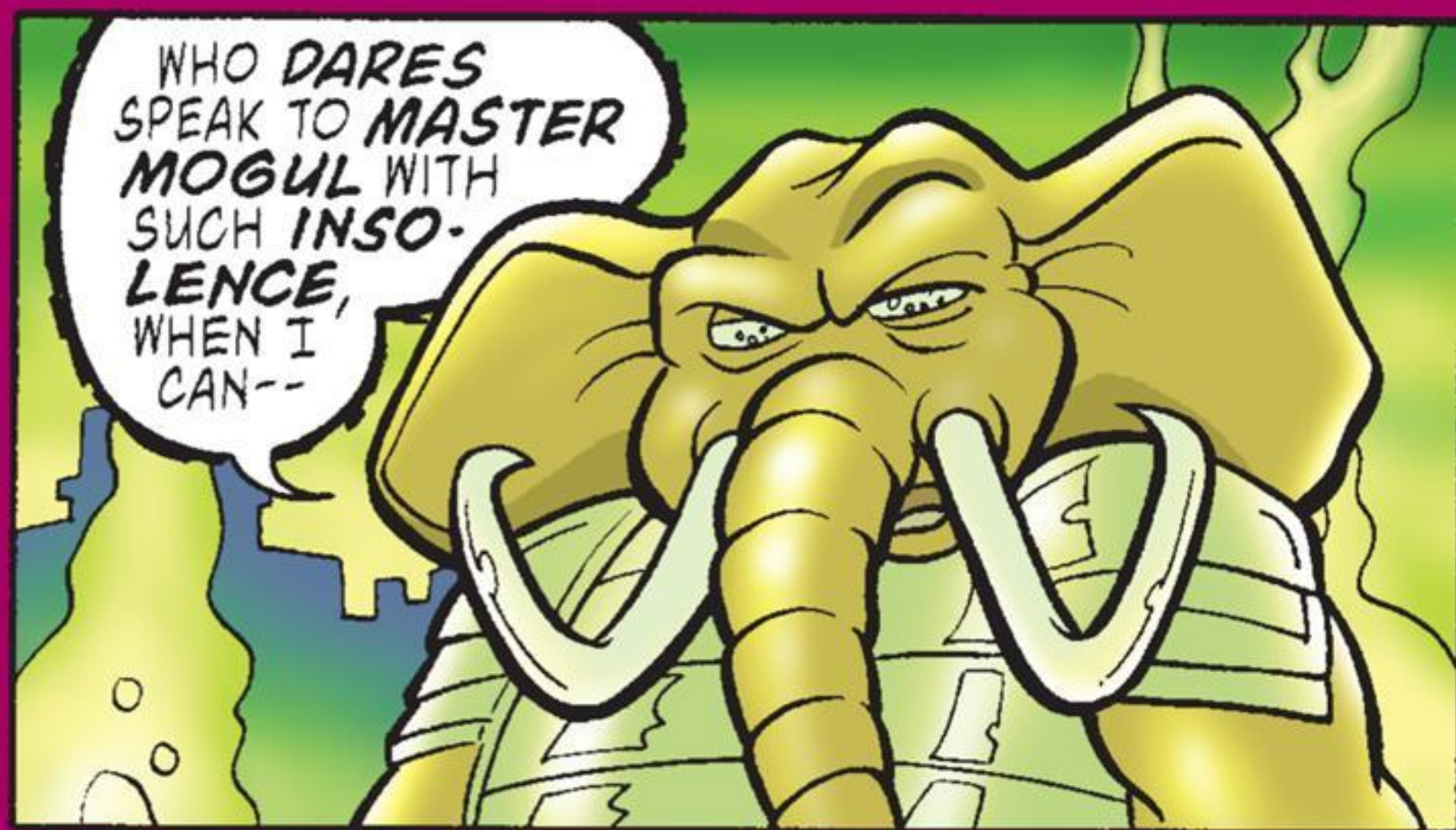
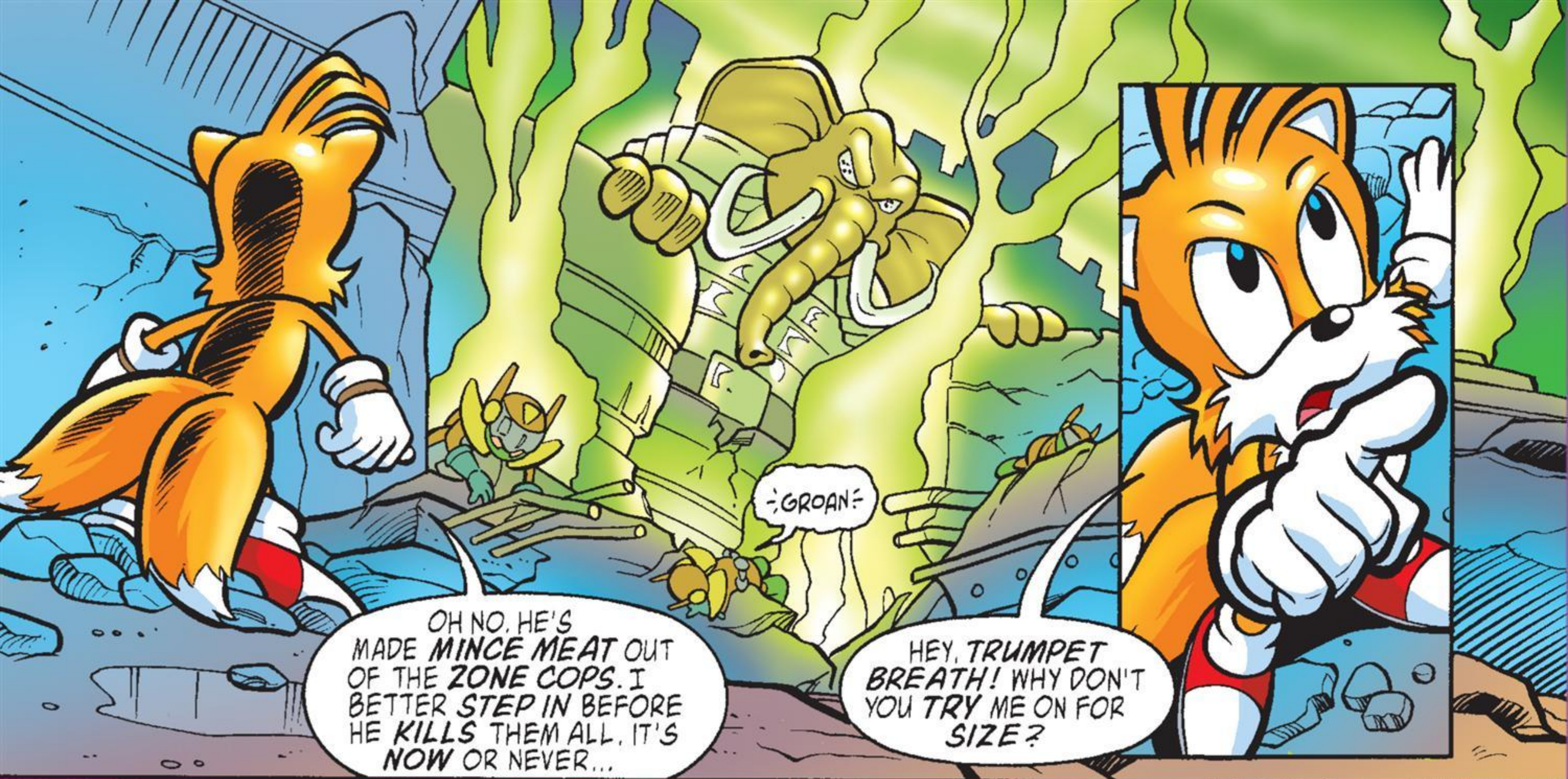
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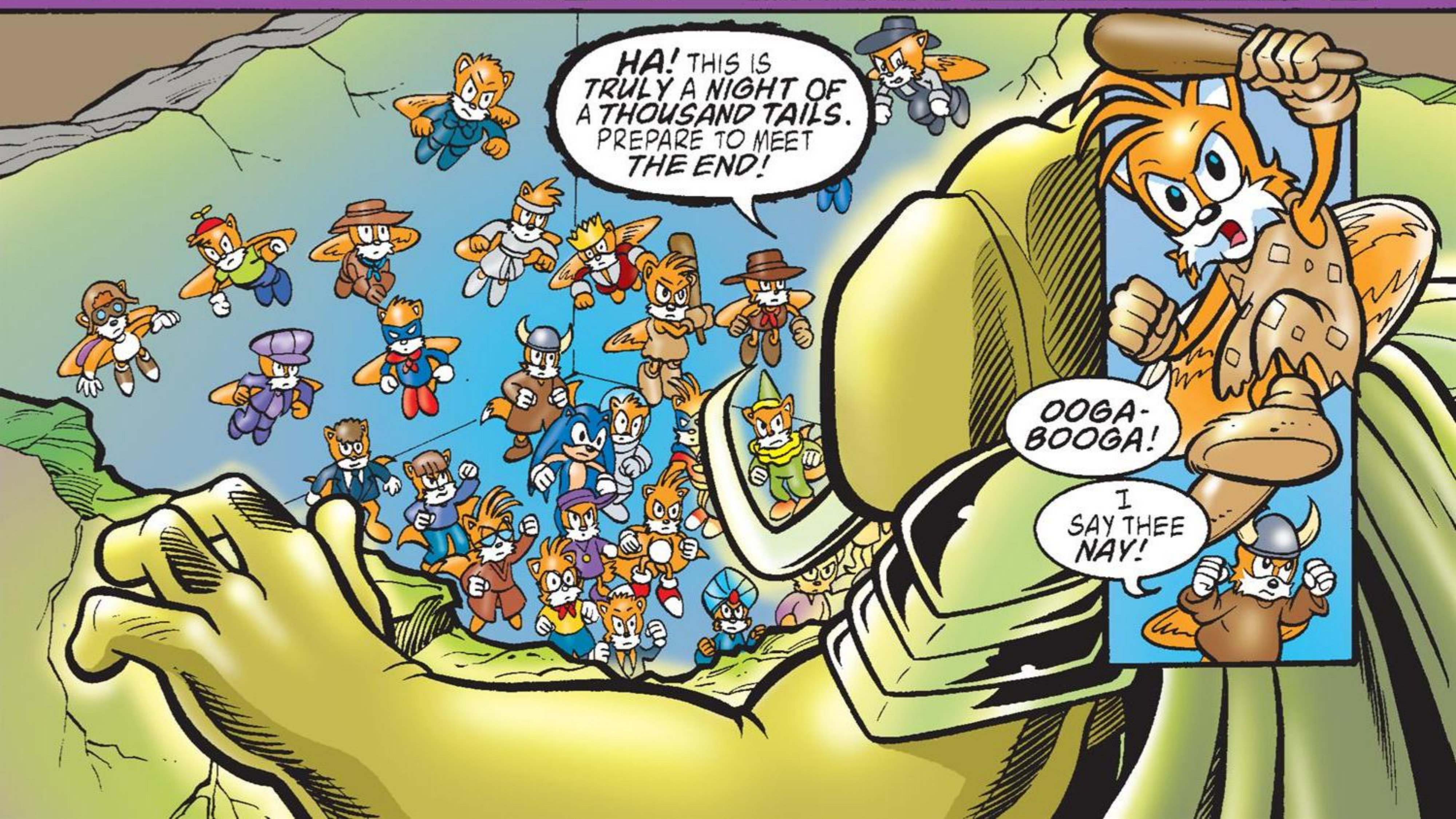
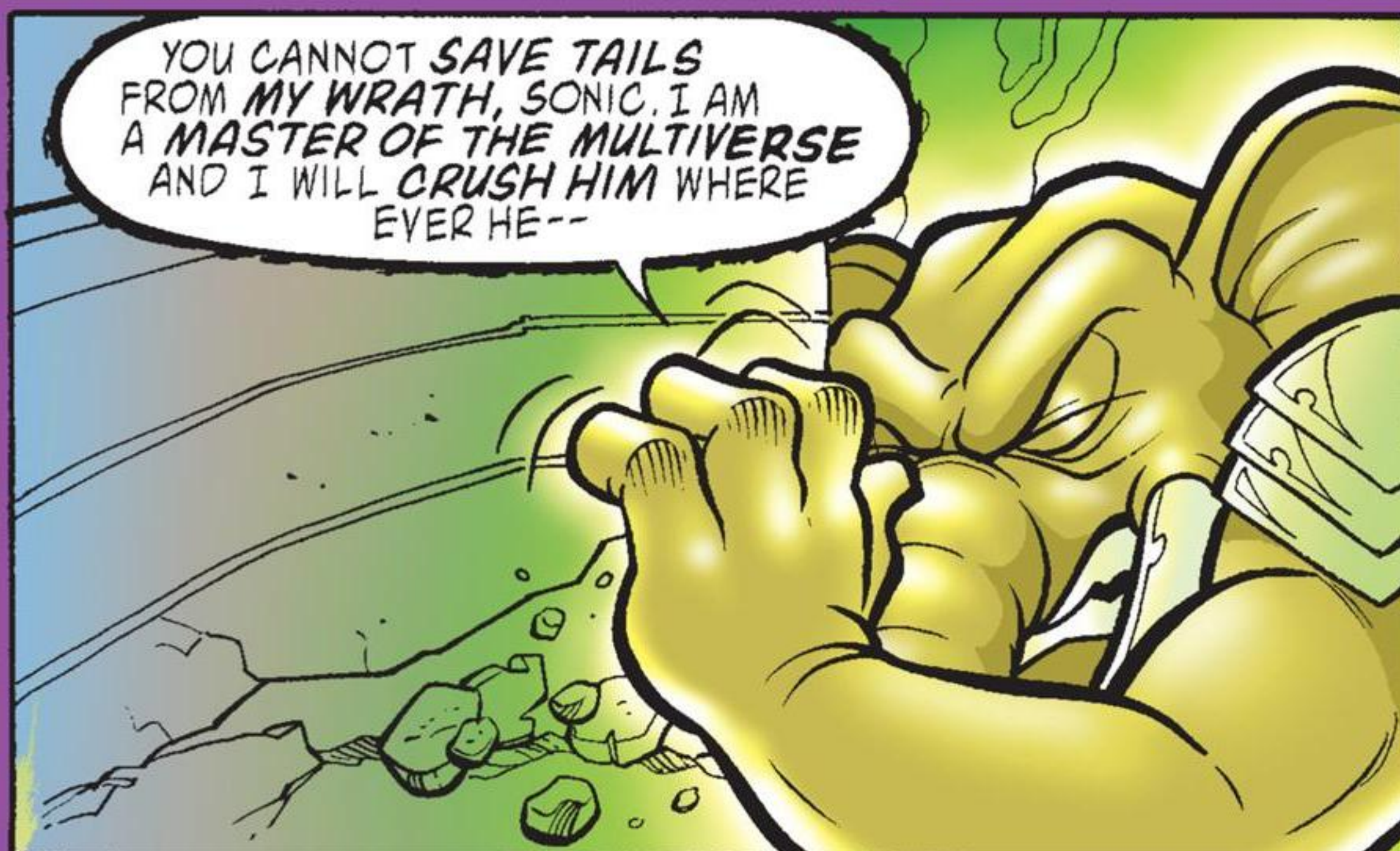
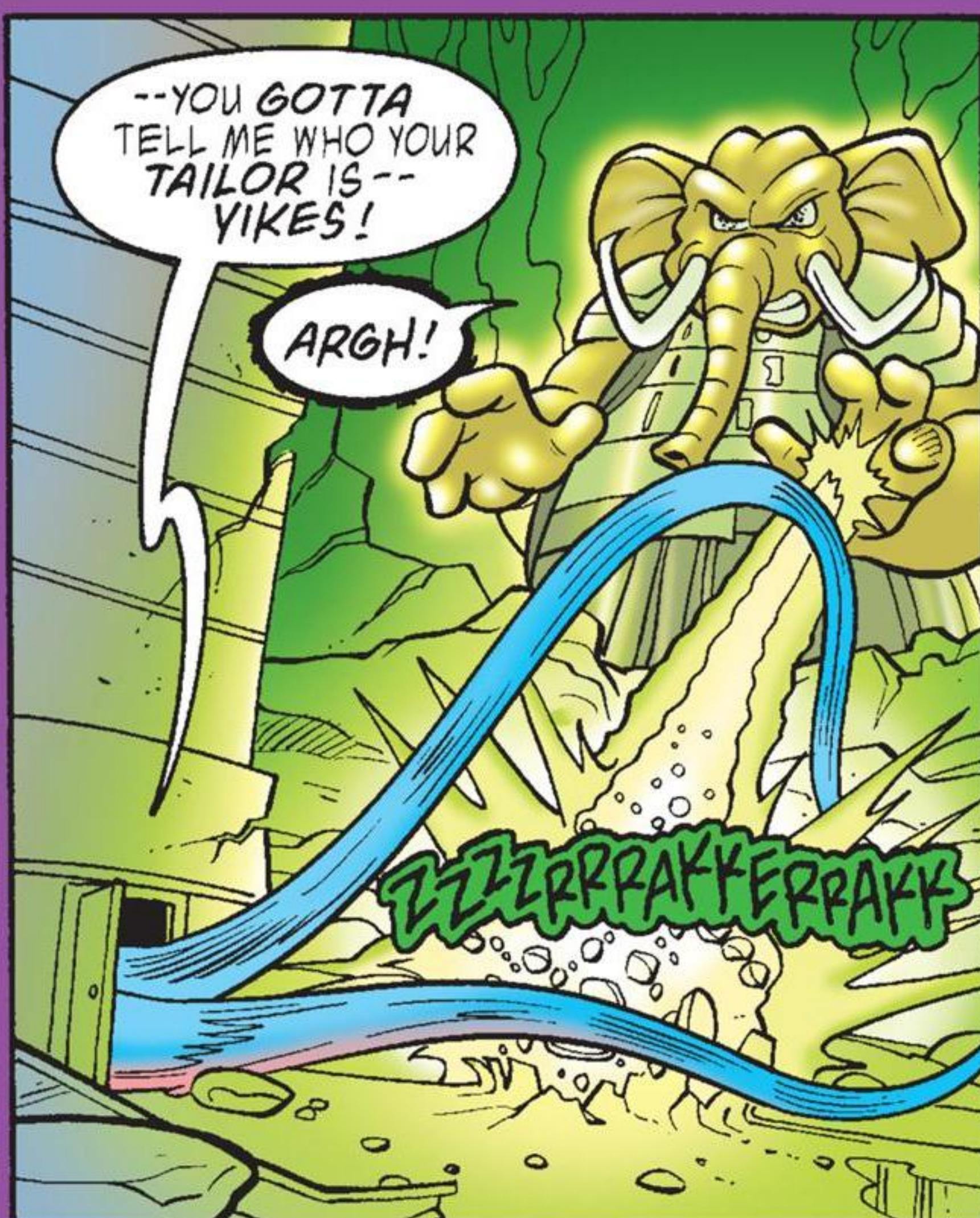
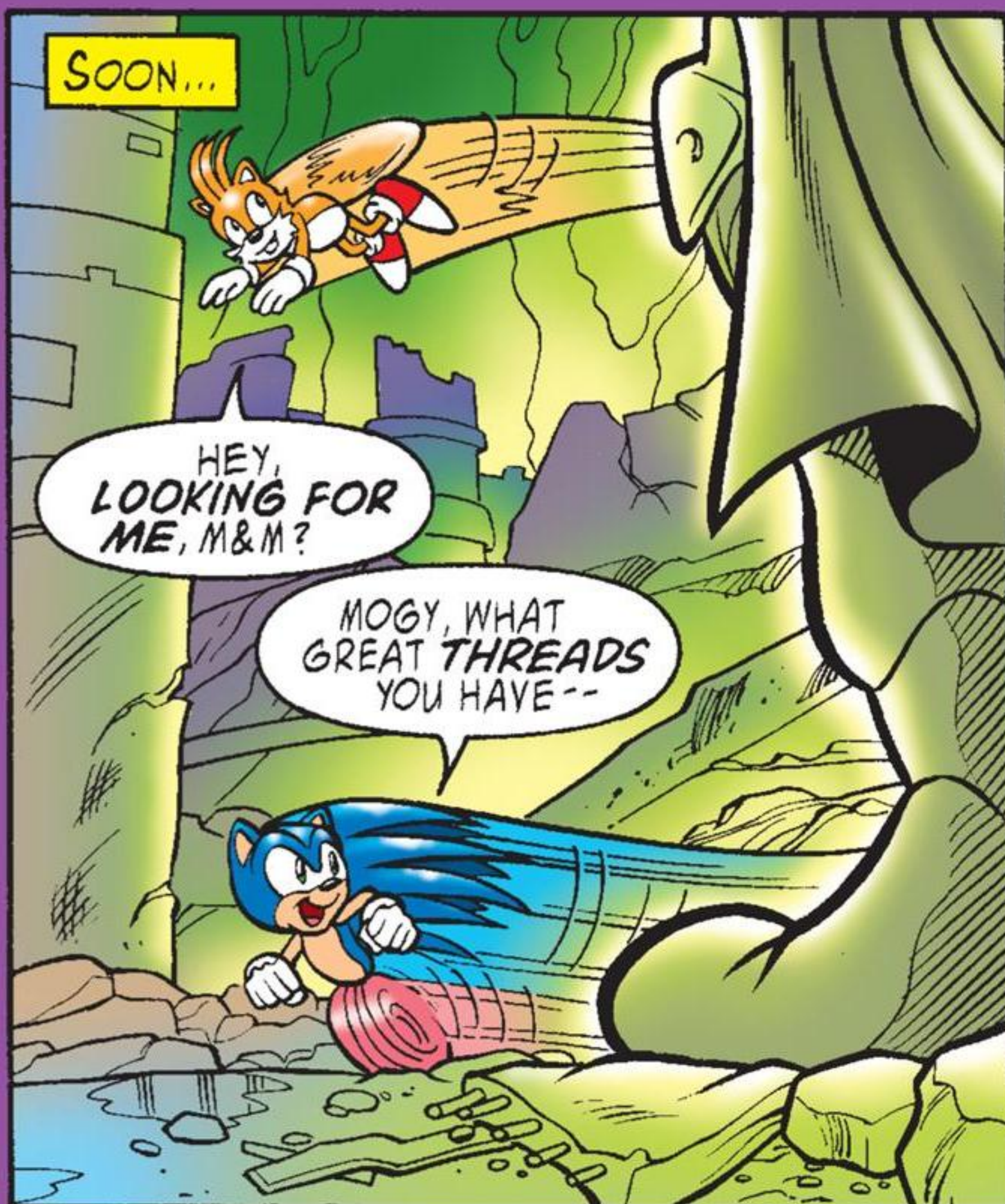


...BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHICH
TAILS FROM WHICH
MULTI-VERSE IT WOULD
BE--

--SO HE RECRUITED
ALL OF THEM.





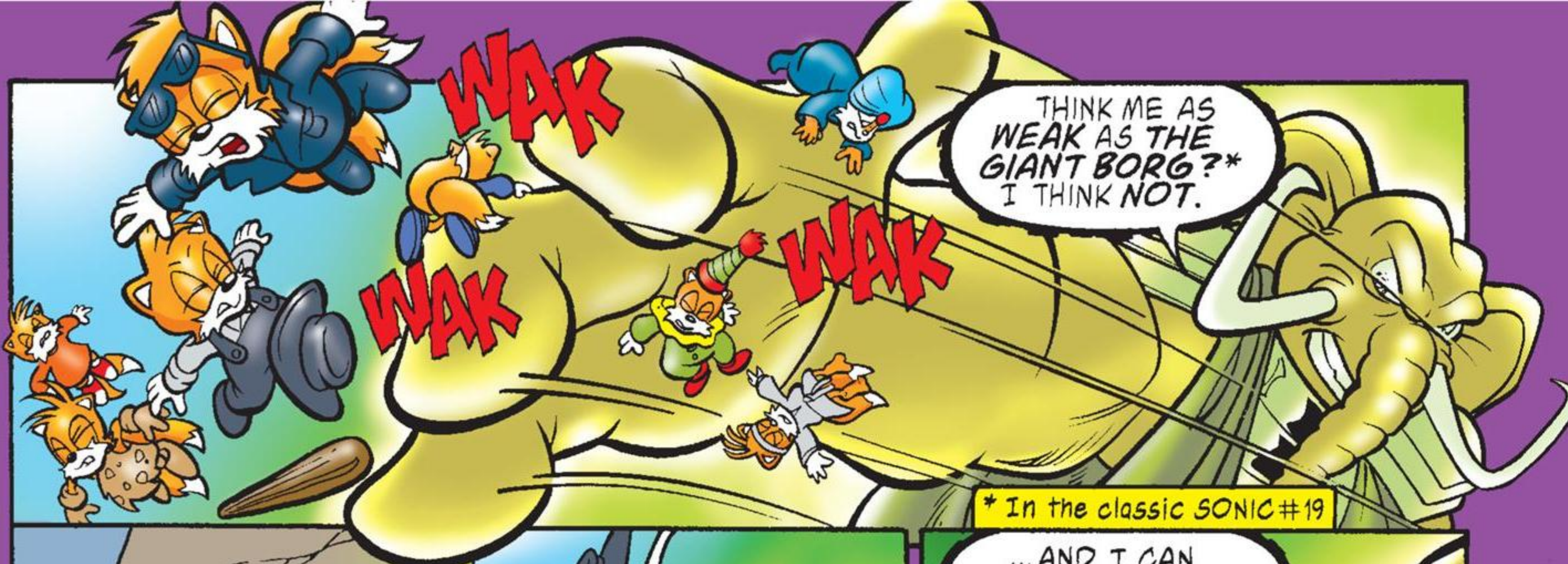




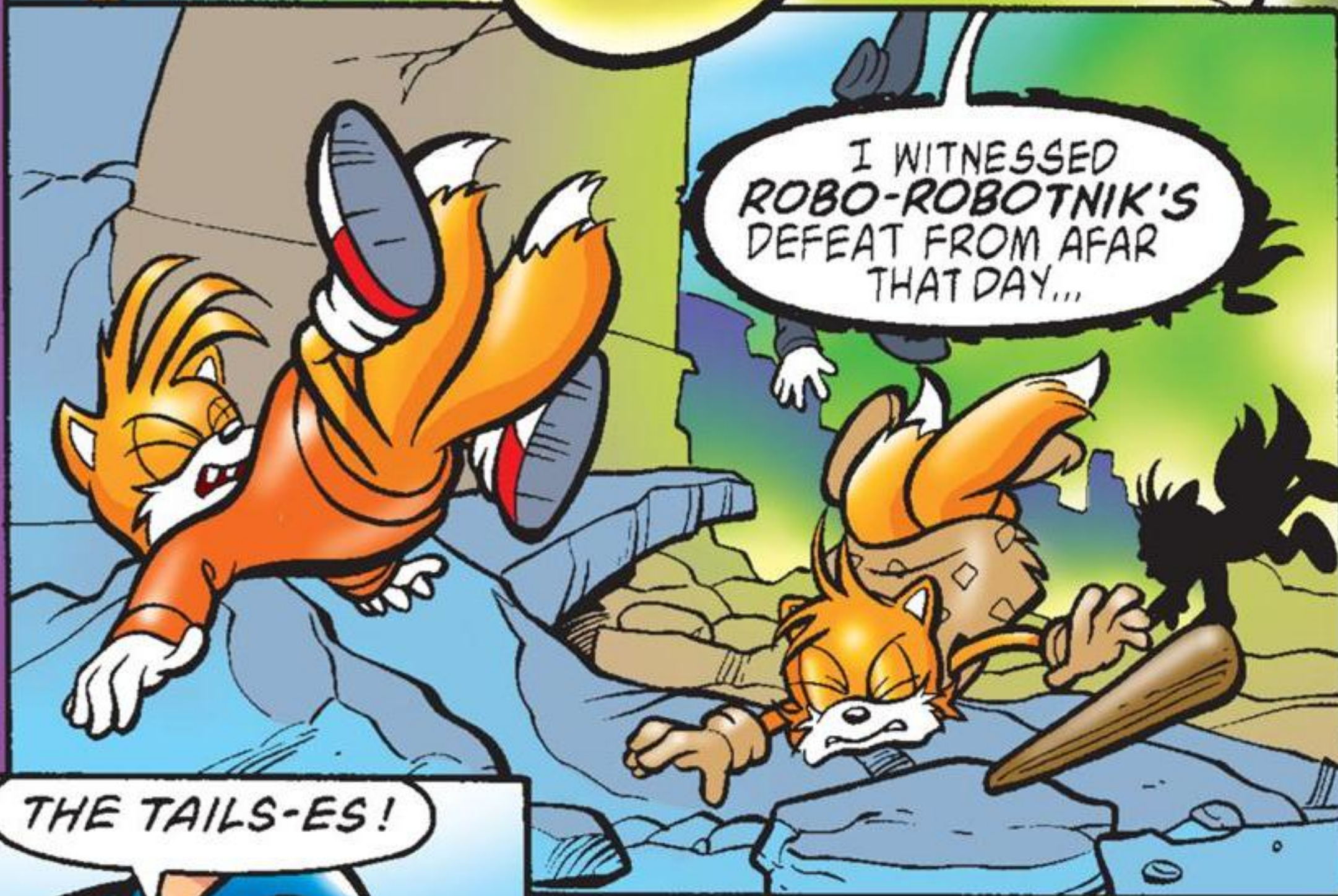
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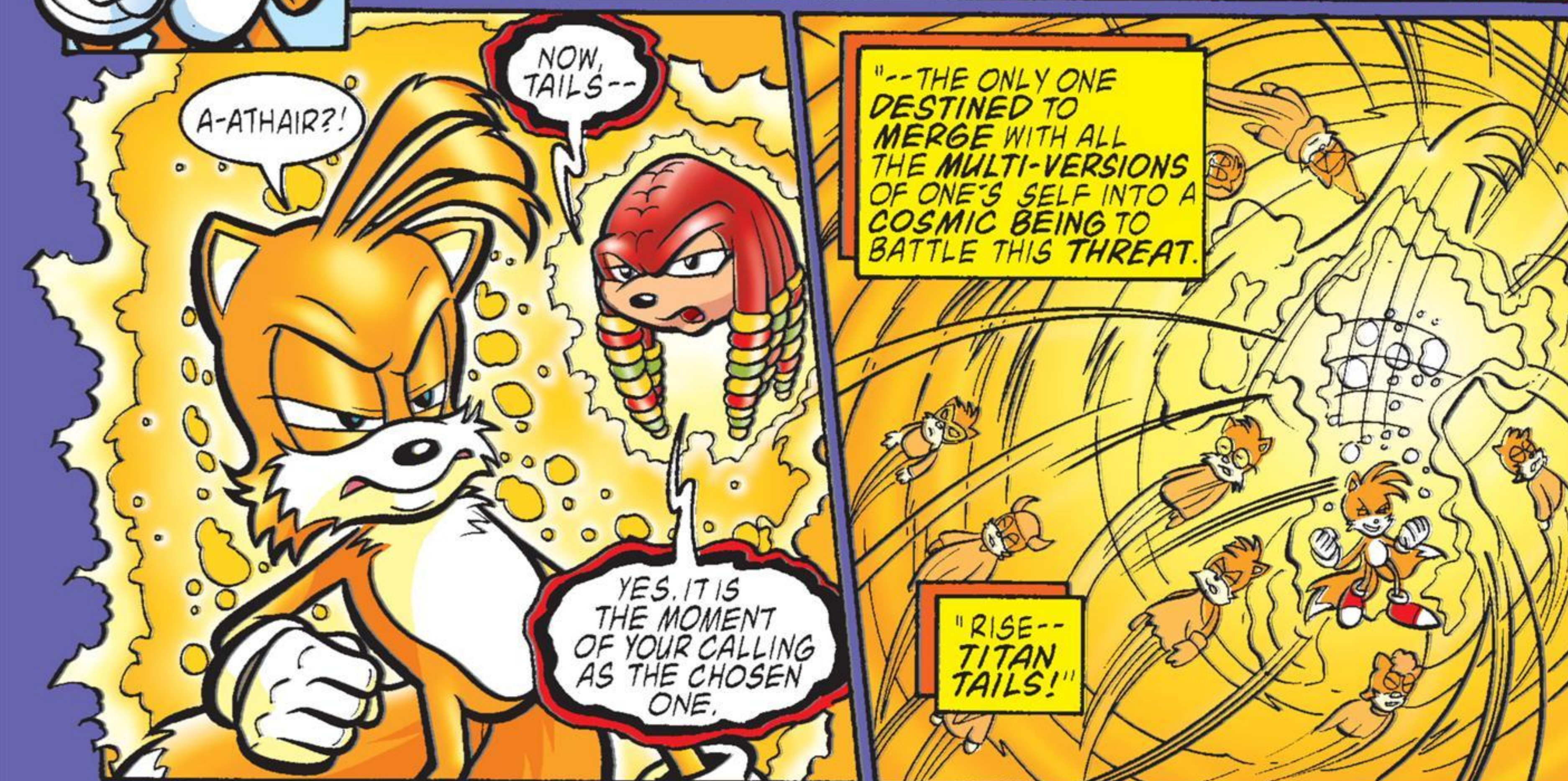
--WHILE
HE'S OFF
BALANCE--

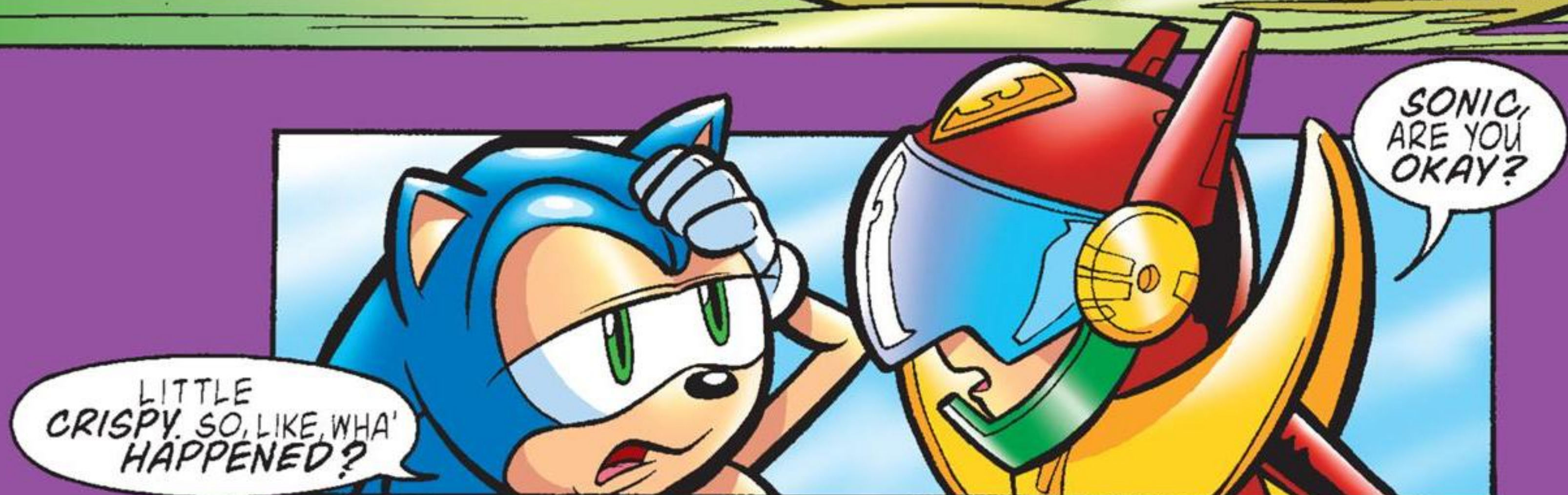
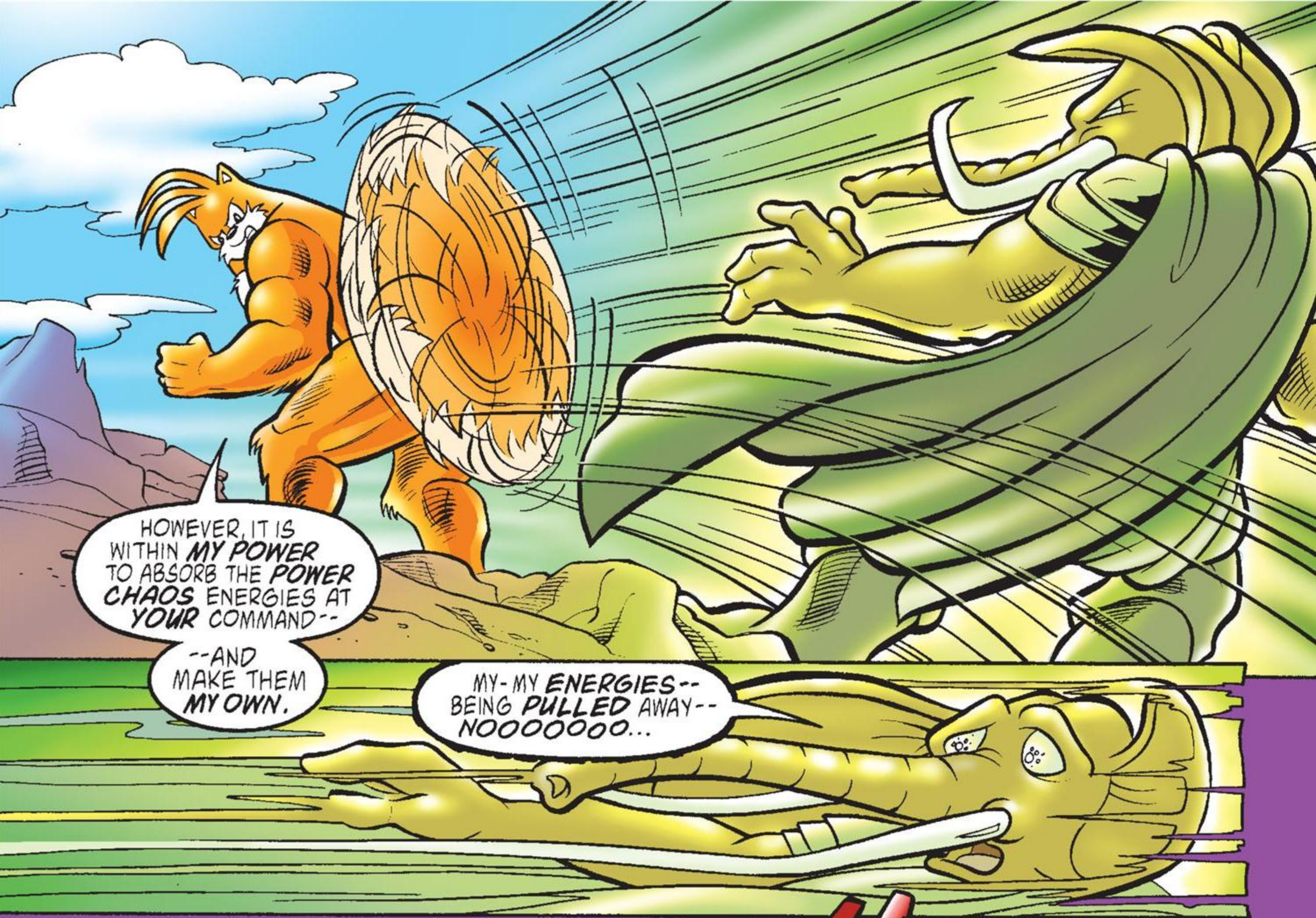
--LET'S
HIT HIM WITH
EVERYTHING
WE GOT!!

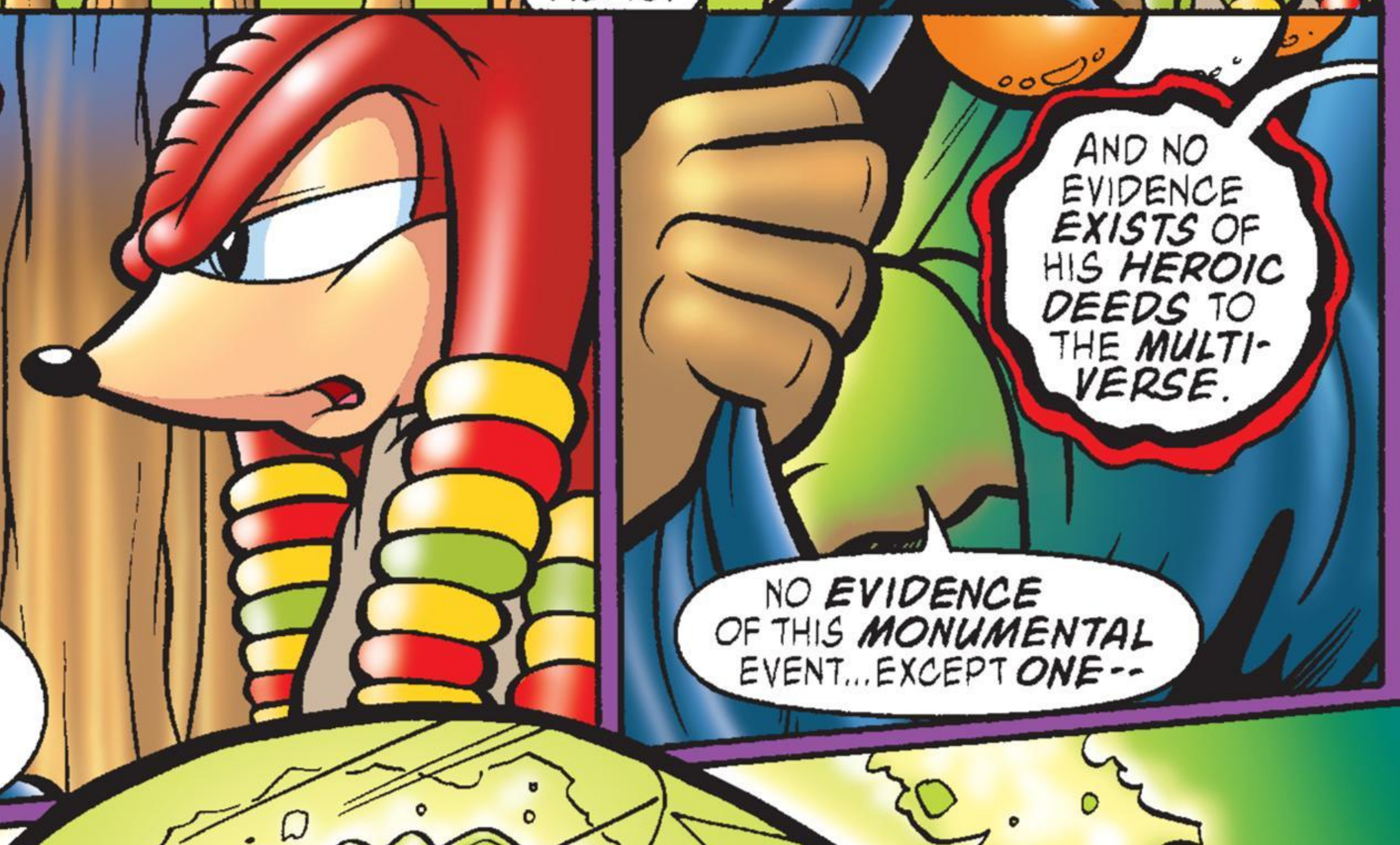
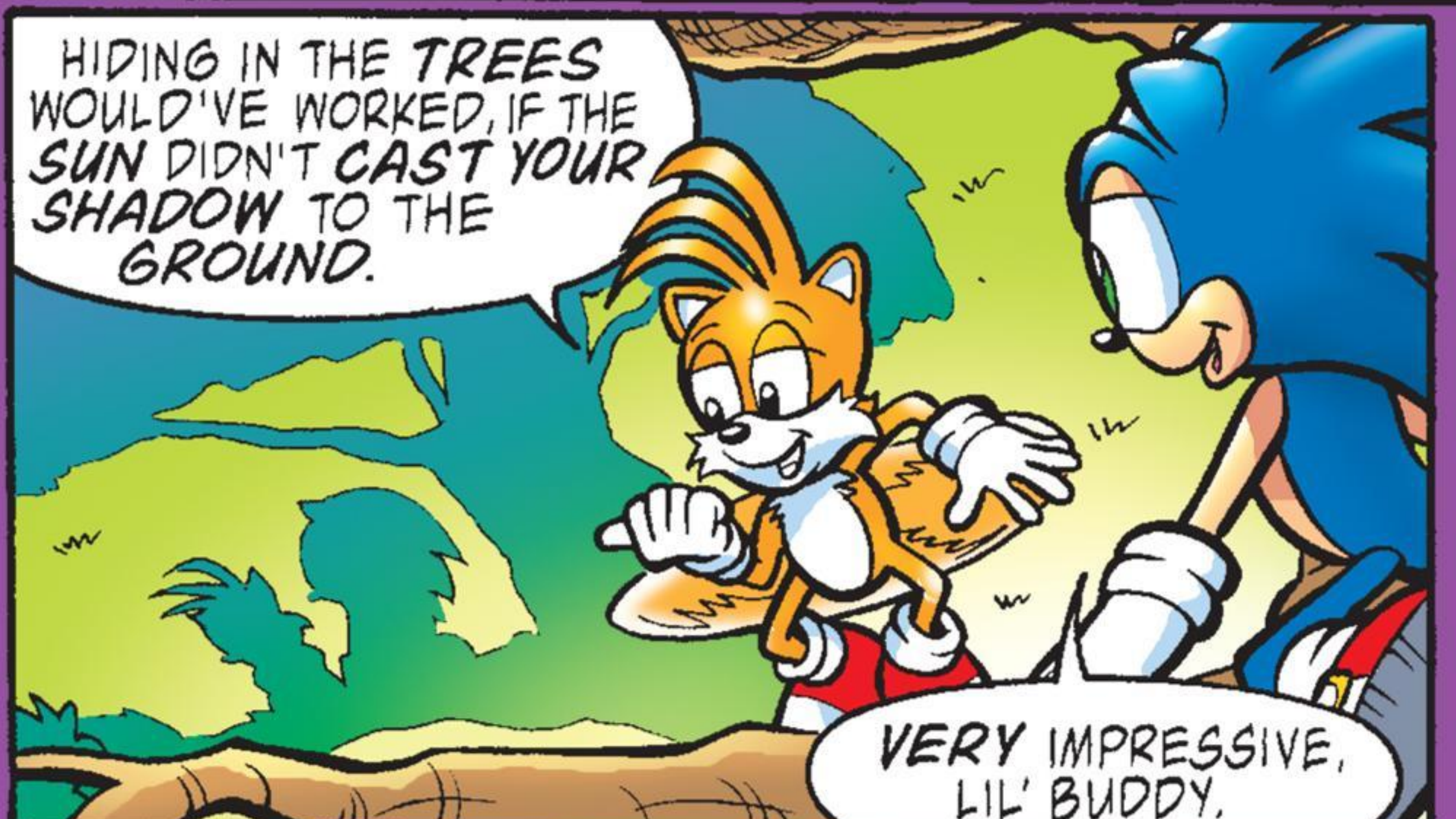


* In the classic SONIC #19









THERE SITS MAMMOTH MOGUL, FORMER MASTER OF THE MULTIVERSE. IMPRISONED IN THE VERY EMERALD THAT LAY IN HIS CHEST FOR CENTURIES.

FINALLY SEPARATED FROM IT, HIS ABILITIES TO ABSORB CHAOTIC ENERGIES ARE GONE.

HE IS COMPLETELY POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT...

...EXCEPT HATE THE ONE THAT BEAT HIM.

SOMETHING HE PLANS TO DO UNTIL THE END OF TIME.

The End